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PLANETARY CITIZENS

*The world is held in trust by the people who inhabit it.
We have the responsibility to care for it, shape it, nurture it.*

—from "A Human Manifesto"

Donald Keys, the registrar for Planetary Citizens, has sent us information about this organisation, and we wish to share it with our readers. The material which follows is excerpted from the literature received, but "A Human Manifesto" is quoted in full.

On Earth, One Humanity, One Destiny

Planetary Citizens come from all walks of life—workers, statesmen, executives, astronauts, philosophers, homemakers, government officials. They come from all parts of the world. They share a global view which goes beyond racial, religious and political beliefs.

The organisational purpose of Planetary Citizens is threefold: (i) To achieve universal recognition by individuals that each of us is a citizen not only of our countries, but also of the planet earth. Planetary Citizens declare their allegiance to the oneness of the human family and claim their rights to a just world order by signing the pledge and registering as Planetary Citizens. There is no conflict with present allegiances to individual countries. (ii) To serve as an international network through which the unified thoughts and actions of Planetary Citizens are effectively working against such common threats as hunger, war, overpopulation and pollution. Planetary Citizens believe we can no longer remain passive observers as common dangers threaten us all. They actively seek ways to fulfil their obligations to the human family—both in their daily lives and in concert with the global community of Planetary Citizens. (iii) To provide a focus of energy, guidance and enlightenment that will help individuals everywhere to preserve and improve the quality of life. Planetary Citizens invest a portion of their resources—time, energy, money—to develop new and better images of human conduct in order to build a new and better world.

The Planetary Citizens organisation is functioning as an agent of change and transformation. The great thrust of its activities is to articulate, to educate, to persuade, to bring forth the global realisation of one human family.

To this end, large Planetary Citizen celebrations are programmed and promoted in major cities. Planetary Council meetings of world moral and intellectual leaders are being planned to make recommendations to the world's governments. Educational programmes, motion pictures, and resource sheets profiling current critical world problems are produced and distributed to schools and to members. A Council of Elders and a Parliamentary Council are being developed to make recommendations on world disarmament, world economics, poverty, pollution, and human rights to the United Nations and to national governments.

Planetary Citizens is an idea whose time has come. Participation by everyone is urgently needed in the cause of human unification.

A Human Manifesto

Part of the effort to help make the earth a better place to live resulted in the issuance of a manifesto, by 160 prominent people from 30 countries, which reads:

Human life on our planet is in jeopardy.

It is in jeopardy from war that could pulverize the human habitat.

It is in jeopardy from preparations for war that destroy or diminish the prospects of decent existence.

It is in jeopardy because of the denial of human rights.

It is in jeopardy because the air is fouled and the waters and soil are being poisoned.

It is in jeopardy because of the uncontrolled increase in population.

If these dangers are to be removed and if human development is to be assured, we the peoples of this planet must accept obligations to each other and to the generations of human beings to come.

We have the obligation to free our world of war by creating an enduring basis for worldwide peace.

We have the obligation to safeguard the delicate balances of the natural environment and to develop the world's resources for the human good.

We have the obligation to place the human interest above the national interest, and human sovereignty above national sovereignty.

We have the obligation to make human rights the primary concern of society.

We have the obligation to create a world order in which man neither has to kill or be killed.

In order to carry out these obligations, we the people of this world assert our primary allegiance to each other in the family of man. We declare our individual citizenship in the world community and our support for a United Nations capable of governing our planet in the common human interest.

This world is held in trust by the people who inhabit it. We have the responsibility to care for it, shape it, nurture it.

Life in the universe is precious. It must be protected, respected, cherished.

We pledge our energies and resources of spirit to the preservation of the human habitat and to the infinite possibilities of human betterment in our time.

The Great Awakening

Humans are relatively new as the dominant inhabitants on earth. We have been building cities for only about ten thousand years—a moment of time in the evolution of life. Mankind, itself, is still evolving. "The power which resides in him is new in nature," wrote Emerson, "and none but he knows what that is which he can do, nor does he know until he has tried."

Today, the human race faces an urgent need to take the next great step in its development. The invisible walls of time and space no longer separate Europeans, Asians, Americans, Africans, Russians. The development, problems and threats of one are increasingly affecting us all. A drought plagues the wheat fields of Russia—and Americans pay higher prices for bread. Atomic reactors arrive in the Middle East from America and France—and millions of people view the promise of better living at the same time that they worry about annihilation.

The neural fibres of daily life now link the great body of humanity. The pain or pleasure of one affects the well-being of the whole. The logic is inescapable. We can no longer afford to ignore the conditions of each other. Plainly, an overall guiding concern of the parts must emerge if the whole is to function in harmony.

Today a great awakening is taking form in the world. We are now crossing a threshold between our past national awarenesses and an emerging planetary consciousness. We are now moving into the planetary age. In our quest to walk on the moon, we also—for the first time in human history—saw our planet from outer space. In an instant of space exploration, we became increasingly aware that life is precious in the universe. And somehow, we began to see the inhabitants of the earth as one family—no longer "we and they"—but interdependent.

The Organisation Itself

The concept and feeling of global oneness—of mutual brotherhood and interdependence among all human inhabitants of the earth—is generally accepted. Almost spontaneously, the need was recognised by concerned people in many countries: the human family must find a way to work together if human life on earth is to be preserved and improved.

Planetary Citizenship is developing rapidly today on an international scale. For those actively seeking for ways to help, Planetary Citizens is functioning as a major resource in world community. It is a place to learn, to join energies with others, to help groups and individuals alike get started with their projects. There is nothing else quite like it in human history. We are crossing a threshold in human development.

Planetary Citizens publishes a newsletter which reports events helping the development of planetary consciousness. The newsletter also refers to organisations working in that direction, and discloses Planetary Citizens' initiatives for future action in all the fields of life which generally affect the human family.

A member of Planetary Citizens recognises his membership in the human community, his allegiance to mankind, while he reaffirms his allegiances to his own community, state and nation. As a member of the planetary family of mankind, the good of the world community is his first concern. Therefore he pledges to work to end divisions and wars among people; to work for the realisation of human rights—civil and political, economic, social and cultural—for all people; to work to bring the actions of nations into conformity with the world community; to work for the strengthening and improvement of the United Nations; to work to give the United Nations the authority to act on behalf of the common will of mankind in curbing the excesses of nations and meeting the common global dangers and needs of the human family.

One can register as a member of Planetary Citizens by endorsing the Pledge of Planetary Citizenship. Registration is free, but a \$3.00 contribution will cover the costs, and \$5.00 more subscribes one to the quarterly newsletter. Their address is: Planetary Citizens, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York City 10007, U.S.A.

ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Calcutta During the past few months this centre has established a youth wing, a study circle, and a research centre; and it intends to begin a relief society to help the poor, a women's wing, and cultural, literary, dance, drama and music centres. It is a small centre of twelve persons at present, but approaches work with the attitude that each person will be fully involved. Twelve industrious, dependable persons is a considerable force that even larger centres would be happy to have.

In the May meeting on the 15th, Calcutta joined with other centres in working support of the new World Union Cultural and Economic Council (reported below), and hosted the visit of Dr. Kamooben Patel of the International Centre. She discussed financial aspects of the coming January triennial conference, *The Next Future*, with them.

In an earlier meeting, Sri Lakshmi Narayan Datta led a thoughtful and interesting discussion on the community activation of Sri Aurobindo's and the Mother's ideals in the Sri Aurobindo Ashram and Auroville, and the influence sent out by them for nourishment of human unity amongst the different races, nationalities and religious groups in the world. In the discussion they came upon an image of the great force or power which regulates the entire universe while it simultaneously influences individuals in their works and activities:

a mighty wave arriving from the depths of the ocean, its energy might be stored and constrained, there might be frequencies of high and low profile, but the power could not be stopped—a seeming recess or deadlock would only be momentary. It was felt this described the massive working process toward world unity.

Chakradharpur In a combined effort with Sri Aurobindo Society's local centre, Chakradharpur Centre organised a two-day gathering on the anniversary of the Mother's final arrival in Pondicherry, 24 April. The focus was on education. During the first day, middle-school students and teachers met with Sri Samar Basu on how to create a beneficial atmosphere by group meditation at the outset of each morning. The second day attracted students and teachers of the girls' high school for a discussion of five principles of education as applied in the Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education. In the evening, boys of the two centres performed physical drill routines, gymnastics, and raced over hurdles before a large local crowd.

Cultural and Economic Council, Calcutta In their meeting on 15 May, it was announced that the Council has three working divisions: cultural, economic, and relief and social welfare. Their maxim is "selfless work, united endeavour, dedicated to the Divine—lead to world unity and peace". Initially, the Council will work in West Bengal in three regions; later, funds and organisation permitting, the effort will be made national. The three regions include the southern one in the district of 20 Parganas and Calcutta, the central region in Birbhum District near Bolpur (Santiniketan), and the northern region in Darjeeling District near Siliguri.

General Secretary Chuni Lal Goswami reported that World Union Udayan-Kalyan Centre offered ten bighas (about seven acres) of land near Bolpur to the Council, and another four bighas (about two and two-thirds acres) were extended by a generous citizen of Bolpur.

India Centre, Bangalore The newly formed World Union India Centre has recently mailed a letter and questionnaire which it says will be received by all World Union members in India. Nevertheless their communication is summarised here for all readers.

The questionnaire is intended to provide the basis of information for planning the Centre's work of national integration, and consequently poses four decisive queries. The reader's opinion is asked about eleven suggested methods to achieve national integration—spiritual, scientific, cultural, religious, economic, educational, legal or judicial, parliamentary and those of tourism and sports. Any other methods the reader might suggest are asked for, completing a very thorough approach. Other questions ask the reader's conception of national integration, what its scope should be, and what existing groups—national movements, institutions, organisations—could be utilised in this work. The covering letter simply but consummately introduces World Union to those who are unfamiliar with it or with World Union India Centre.

North Calcutta Unusually interesting events in their May meeting, held on the 20th, were a tape recorded composite programme on the motif of renascent India, edited by Sri Sujit Kumar Palit from the writing of Rabindranath Tagore and Sri Aurobindo.

In their study circle of June 12th, the subject was "Money, Wealth and the Future Economy"; "Future Arts and Literature" was discussed in the previous one.

Rishra This centre reports a 13 May meeting which absorbed the full day. In addition to the occasion for concentration and music, dissertation and discussion, a post-lunch consultation was held by Sri Samar Basu with boys and teachers of the village locality on educational matters.

Uttarpara Their monthly seminar of 5 June was well attended by educators, students and intellectuals participating in the discussion on Sri Aurobindo's contribution to yoga, education, art, literature and economics. It was led by Sri Samar Basu. An earlier seminar, on 30 May, was conducted jointly by the youth and women's wings.

New Centres

World Union Lucknow Centre, "Panchava", B 23 Sector "A", Mahanagar, Lucknow 226006. Chairman: Dr. R. V. Singh, vice chancellor, Lucknow University; vice-chairman: Dr. K. Sabbarwal, principal, Mahila Mahavidyalaya; general secretary: Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, reader in education, Lucknow University.

This centre, founded largely through the efforts of Sitaram Jayaswal in mid-February, held its first meeting on June 3, 1976, when the officers were elected. Monthly meetings were decided upon, particularly for students and teachers of this educational centre of Uttar Pradesh, in which the problems connected with communal and social harmony, as well as national integration, will be explored.

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AUGUST MEETINGS

If those who believe in the oneness of humanity stood together and let their united light shine, this in itself would expose the causes of disunity and stagnation. . . . Social change has become so rapid that there is a continual demand for new methods.

Karl Heussenstamm

Executive Committee

The executive committee will meet at Parc Guest House, Pondicherry, at 2:30 P.M. on Saturday, 14 August 1976. Every World Union Centre with more than ten members is invited to send one representative and those with more than twenty-five members, two representatives to participate in the meeting.

A meeting of the executive committee should be an occasion for creative and constructive thought in the progress and development of the World Union movement. There is always the danger of a meeting slipping into routine procedures with routine thought and work, forgetting the high ideals which World Union is meant to realise. We hope and trust this next meeting will not be gone through only as a formal affair and that every member will be moved to express fresh and practical ideas and suggestions which will intensify the movement of World Union.

The meeting will first be called upon to think how best we can enlarge the circle of members and inspire formation of new, active centres which will draw the awareness of people to the work of unity and attract participation in this great and essential task. It is also necessary to have World Union coordinators in various regions who will make tours to initiate new centres and foster developments in existing ones.

Second, the meeting should determine that the attention of colleges and universities will be drawn to the high quality of the journal, *World Union*, and to its usefulness for the promotion of world unity and world consciousness, so that its circulation among the intelligentsia increases. Each World Union centre can play a helpful role in this connection by approaching educational institutions in its area.

Third, the Third World Council of World Union will be formed for a term of six years, beginning 1 September 1976. We are often asked how the council is constituted and what its functions are. Local, regional and national centres recommend names for nomination to the council. The executive committee determines the precise representation of each regional, national or local centre according to each one's membership strength and capacity of con-

tribution to the work of World Union. The members of the executive committee are ipso facto members of the council. Moreover, some distinguished persons are nominated as members whose prior consent is obtained. Every member of the executive committee is free to suggest a name providing the nominee's consent has already been taken. The life of each sitting of the council is six years, as noted above, and it meets every third year. The World Council is the general authority for direction and management of the work of World Union. Specifically, it elects a new executive committee every third year. Any member of World Union may send his views in writing concerning any item on the agenda of a World Council meeting. All such views will receive due attention in the proceedings of the meeting.

Fourth, the executive committee will consider the progress report of the fifth triennial World Union International conference, which promises to be a unique event: a number of internationally eminent people will attend the seminar, and the subject, The Next Future, is expected to engage spiritual and new age leaders, scholars, artists, industrialists, labour leaders, and serious students from a great many angles.

Central Council of World Union India Centre

The central council of World Union India Centre will be convened at Bangalore on 17 August 1976. Members will soon receive the agenda circular. Two subjects will need serious attention: how to be effective in the work of national integration; how to raise the finance required to sustain the work efficiently. In both of these matters the members of the central council will have to proceed with firm confidence and faith, and remember always that no good work goes in vain and no great cause executed earnestly and sincerely suffers for want of necessary finance.

WORLD CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

The "Focus" of October 1975 featured the World Constitution and Parliament Association's plans to convene a World Constituent Assembly at Innsbruck, Austria, during the last two weeks of June 1977. Some members of World Union have shown interest in the assembly and have expressed a desire to be included in the World Union delegation which may attend. In this connection, Mr. Philip Isely, the secretary general of the association, has sent samples of two forms for those who would like to attend the assembly: a declaration and registration form, and an election petition form. These forms may be obtained at the address given toward the end of this report.

The instructions the association has given for applicants include:

- (i) Register as a candidate for election to the World Constituent Assembly, using the form supplied by the World Constitution and Parliament Association. All persons desiring to serve as accredited delegates must register in this way.
- (ii) Circulate election petitions, using the form supplied by the World Constitution and Parliament Association, to obtain a minimum constituency of 500 individual electors. Each candidate is responsible for printing and circulating his or her own election petitions.

Or: Those who were accredited as elected delegates to the first sessions of the World Constitutional Convention and Peoples World Parliament in 1968, will be accredited to the 1977 World Constituent Assembly provided they register as candidates for election to the 1977 World Constituent Assembly as defined above. Also, those receiving 500 or more votes in elections to the Peoples Congress and who register as candidates for election to the World Constituent Assembly will be accredited as delegates to the World Constituent Assembly.

Or: Obtain a minimum of 500 electoral votes in any public election in which your support of the World Constituent Assembly and your candidacy for election to the World Constituent Assembly is made part of your electoral campaign, and submit proof thereof.

(iii) Endeavour to collect a contribution from each person who signs your election petitions, for the purpose of paying for your transportation and living expenses for two weeks while attending the World Constituent Assembly. If you collect more than you need for your own expenses, the surplus can be put into the general fund of the World Constitution and Parliament Association to assist others and to help to carry on the total campaign, both now and later.

(iv) Don't wait. Begin your campaign for election as soon as possible, together with the collection of funds to pay for your expenses.

(v) Study the draft of "A Constitution for the Federation of Earth", which is the result of many years work by the drafting commission which originated at the first sessions of the World Constitutional Convention and Peoples World Parliament in 1968, together with inputs of comments from many others during the time this draft has been circulating for discussion.

(vi) Study all other matters relating to the objectives and agenda of the 1977 World Constituent Assembly and the subsequent World Parliament.

(vii) Individuals whose participation in the World Constituent Assembly is desired but who do not secure the credentials necessary to serve as elected delegates, may be seated as consultants by vote of the accredited delegates or as provided by the rules of procedure for the World Constituent Assembly.

Support to the Constituent Assembly

A portion of the text, "Call to a World Constituent Assembly", was published in "Focus" of October 1975, along with other information about the assembly. Some of our centres have already joined in signing the call to the 1977 assembly and have thus shown recognition of the common citizenship of all men. In this regard Mr. Isely writes: "We do appreciate very much your collaboration in this common cause for action to save humanity. Perhaps at your meeting in August you can further push the endeavour. Is it possible that the Call could be published in *World Union* with a portion of a page for persons to sign and cut out and send here?

"From India we should expect a very good delegation to the World Constituent Assembly, particularly if the financial problem of transportation can be solved."

We give below the form in which such support can be sent by anyone who wishes, to: Mr. Philip Isely, Secretary General, World Constitution and Parliament Association, 1480 Hoyt Street, Suite 31, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, U.S.A.

Recognising our common citizenship of One Earth, the dangers of war, and the needs of humanity, we join in signing this Call to the 1977 World Constituent Assembly.

Signature.Occupation.Date.

Print Name.Please send me. . .Copies of the Call Donation. . . .

Address.City.State.Zip.

Country.

While sending this form duly filled in you are encouraged to also obtain signatures of your friends in similar form, and post all these forms to Mr. Isely. We are happy to report that Mr. Isely recognises the process that persons residing in India must undergo to clear the sending of foreign exchange abroad, and he has waived the remittance of a donation or registration fee regarding all forms mailed from India.

ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Bangalore Nearly the entire meeting of 6 June was given to discussion of Sri Rohit Mehta's draft paper on education entitled, "An Educational Policy and Programme" (see "Focus", April 1976, for the complete text), which he had presented to the executive committee in February. The following reactions of the Bangalore Centre are among those requested of all members and centres in order to work toward a consensus and final decision in this matter.

After a lengthy, active and frank discussion, which included present and former professors (one in political science, one in engineering), a former teacher trained in various localities of the UNESCO operation, and a medical doctor, the following conclusions were reached: (1) World Union should not undertake an educational policy and programme because: it is too complex an endeavour, beyond the capacity—financial, personnel, organisational—of World Union; the draft paper does not take into cognizance the prevalent conditions of rural society, where the different living standards and context require a very different approach; the draft's proposals are reported to have been tried in essence in the U.S.A. and England where educators are alleged to have recently rejected them; there is no point in adding one more paper to the many educational reform documents already in government files; and (2) World Union "should work only as a pressure group, endeavouring to introduce into the existing educational system principles and methods that will promote world consciousness, world outlook, and world unity amongst the educators and the educated".

Other responses to the draft paper are expected to be discussed along with these in the approaching executive committee meeting, August 14th.

Calcutta Their June meeting of the 18th was the occasion to hear a visiting secretary from Sri Aurobindo's Action, Sri Kumar Mukherji. He went into some detail relating the progress one makes in yoga or spiritual development with the ascension of human unity into material reality. The implication that individual development is only truly integral when it expands into social and, eventually, universal development, was made explicitly clear.

In this meeting the intended relief society (referred to in the July "Focus") was brought nearer to its actualisation. Sri Arun Kishore Mukherji was entrusted with the position of convener-secretary in order to set up the "Sri Aurobindo Relief Society" under the World Union Cultural and Economic Council. Its purpose is, of course, to render relief services to those without means.

Hyderabad New officers elected at the meeting of 24 June are: Dr. P. N. Bindu, chairman; Dr. Nadkarni, vice-chairman; and Mr. Kashinath, secretary.

North Calcutta Among the flourishing of many activities during their meeting on 21 June, two major issues were considered in the period of discussion. One was the suggestible sequence of four movements proposed in the seminar of The Next Future, World Union International's fifth triennial conference. The movements are service and perfection in work, harmony and order, power and effectuation, and knowledge and the development of consciousness. Sri T. K. Sinha's comment was that the results of these movements in the conference might contribute valuable ideas to others about spiritually oriented communities. A second major issue was a challenge thrown out to members to contemplate how national integration can be achieved, and how hindrances to it may be removed.

The Training Centre of Children and Students has grown into a regular "weekly circle" since beginning on 31 May 1976. Its next Monday evening meeting will study "Human Aspiration". Sri Samar Basu, giving a number of talks on Sri Aurobindo's contribution to various fields, concluded the series that evening with a discussion of Sri Aurobindo's contribution to yoga, education, economics, arts and literature. Children and students recited prayers, read their own articles, and conducted, among themselves, a symposium they had developed based on their own research.

Pondicherry June 27, 1976 marked the day of revival of the Pondicherry Centre, for it was the first meeting of members convened in about three years. Mentioning this fact, Sri A. B. Patel, general secretary of the International Centre, said the centre had virtually ceased to function. The meeting elected a new group of officers after hearing Professor Sarawan of the French College, Dr. Madhava Menon, principal of the Government Law College, and A. B. Patel give considerable emphasis to the need for World Union to be active, vigilant and to take up practical projects in Pondicherry in the spirit of the teaching of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. The new officers are: Mr. George Moses, chairman; Mrs. Kusumben S. Mehta, vice-chairman; Sri Arvind Devalia, convener; Sri N. V. Narasimhamurty, member of the committee. Authorisation was given to the committee to co-opt other members.

Uttarpara The 138th birthday of Rishi Bankimchandra was observed by the women and youth wings of the centre in an unusual symposium, the theme of which was prepared from writings of Sri Aurobindo which were published in the *Induprakesh* journal after Bankim passed away. The participants were all students, and many professors and teachers composed part of the audience.

July 3rd marked the centre's thirty-fifth monthly study meeting. This time Sri Samar Basu, in a talk entitled "Sri Aurobindo on Future Society", described the entire process of development in man's social psychology. He began with the symbolic stage of pre-history and early history and moved through the typical and conventional stages to the present rational

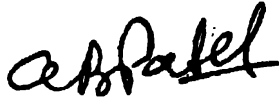
or individualistic age. Then he went into the future, elucidating how this age of reason would dry out (a phenomenon already happening in some countries or societies) and the rising waters of the subjective age would turn us toward the spiritual age and society. Sri Basu spent some time on what the character of spiritual society would be. Those who are familiar with *The Human Cycle* of Sri Aurobindo will recognise the basis of Sri Basu's presentation, which was heard by distinguished Uttarpara intellectuals, including professors and headmasters.

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PANDIT IN SINGAPORE

M. P. Pandit, the chairman of World Union International, editor of this journal, and a secretary of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, recently visited Singapore at the invitation of the Sri Aurobindo Society there. He offered a series of lectures on various aspects of the teaching, philosophy and work of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother during a ten-day stay. With the exception of a brief time in Madras for a special function two months earlier, this trip marked Sri Pandit's first time out of the ashram in twenty-seven years. In addition to the central purpose of the visit, he reports that it also afforded an opportunity to observe the material affluence, charm, efficiency, cleanliness, openness, and civic consciousness of the cosmopolitan centre that is Singapore—itsself a meeting ground of East and West.

Daily meetings were organised by his hosts at various cultural and educational institutions, and discussions in small groups were also arranged. His extemporaneous talks on announced themes were invariably followed by open question and answer sessions. By all accounts, Sri Pandit's clear and embracing presentations, and his approach which sought to de-mystify matters yogic and occult, were enthusiastically appreciated.

At a press conference held the morning after his arrival, he spoke of World Union and emphasised that it is through the development of human consciousness that personal and collective integration is truly possible. He mentioned World Union's 1977 International conference, The Next Future, as an occasion when some of those working in a common direction will meet to apprise such developments in all fields of thought and life, and to affirm and concretise their connections. He also spoke at some length of Auroville as an experiment for the working out of a new pattern of existence based on a new, a unitive consciousness. As was the case throughout his stay, he was asked many questions on the practical application of yoga to political, social, and daily life.

The first talk was given at the annual general meeting of the Singapore Sri Aurobindo Society. Speaking on "Sri Aurobindo, the Mother and the Next Future" he explained that the demand on man in the emerging future is to enlarge and universalise his consciousness—a natural consequence of which would be a growing union of the world. The meeting had begun with a song of invocation by his colleague and secretary, Srimati Vasanti, who accompanied him to Singapore; upon request, she also gave informal recitals at several of the other functions during their stay.

The next morning Sri Pandit met with a group of spiritual aspirants and discussed the sadhana of Sri Aurobindo's yoga. At a reception in the evening, he was asked to speak on

the practice of meditation; the discussion was followed by renderings of the Rabindra Sangit by Vasanti.

On the third day there was an informal luncheon with prominent citizens of Singapore. The discussion ranged over a number of topics, from the necessity and means of culturing one's consciousness, to the rationale behind occult phenomena, to the future of society. His observation that the age of politicians is ending and that future leadership will be based on love evoked interested and hopeful responses particularly from those involved in political life. That evening at the Ramakrishna Mission Hall the theme was "All Life is Yoga". Sri Pandit first traced the lines on which the various traditions of yoga had developed. He then noted that they had generally led to an at least eventual renunciation of life but that the Time-Spirit was now demanding that yoga embrace the whole of life. The integral approach and contribution of the yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother was considered in this connection. Again Vasanti offered several songs, this time Bengali devotional hymns, at the expressed request of the senior swami of the math.

The following day at the University of Singapore he spoke on "Sri Aurobindo's Contribution to the Ideal of Human Unity". The head of the department of political science there first gave a brief account of Sri Aurobindo's life in his introductory remarks. Sri Pandit then traced the political thought and activity of Sri Aurobindo from his youth in England to his arrival in Pondicherry, and his subsequent work in the light of the ideal of divine life. A rapid survey of Sri Aurobindo's evolutionary and spiritual interpretation of history was presented. He concluded with Sri Aurobindo's visualisation of the nations coming together in a finely balanced federal formation which assures diversity in unity. Positively provocative questions followed the lecture, and Sri Pandit was asked here to comment in detail on the concept and development of Auroville as a community trying to exemplify the possibilities of a life of human unity.

The evening meeting on the fifth day was held under the auspices of the Society of Singapore Writers. The theme, "Sri Aurobindo on the Adventure of Consciousness", employed the suggestive phrase from *Savitri*, and the occasion was utilised to present Sri Aurobindo's classic treatment to the questions of the why and how of creation. Sri Pandit explained how the fourfold soul-power in manifestation functions in the descent as well as the ascent of consciousness, and spoke of the adventure of consciousness to which man is now called.

Originally the next day was to have seen their departure but, having agreed to a request to extend the stay an additional three days, an informal gathering was arranged at which Singapore's professional community was represented and the Indian High Commissioner was present. Sri Pandit spoke briefly on Mother's approach to education, and thereafter Vasanti sang Sanskrit, Hindi, Marathi, and Bengali songs.

The largest audience came the next day for a talk on life after death at the Sri Aurobindo Society centre. Members of the centre also requested that Sri Pandit inaugurate their weekly meditation sessions the next evening and thereafter introduce and explain *Savitri*, Sri Aurobindo's epic. He spent ninety minutes giving a detailed overview of the legend, the progression of the poem, and its spiritual symbolism and message. Many present said they felt the work approachable and understandable for the first time.

The final presentation, on the morning of their last day, was at the Singapore Academy of Education. Sri Pandit introduced Mother's ideas on education and the experiments being made in the ashram and Auroville. Numerous questions were asked on the general application of these principles of education to other situations and communities.

It is clear that on each of the occasions throughout his stay in Singapore, Sri Pandit was met with not only active interest and respect but with appreciation and warmth. Mutually enriching new contacts have been made, established ones strengthened, and future possibilities opened.

THE NEXT FUTURE

Progress Announcement—II

Following the June "Focus", there are further developments regarding World Union's January triennial conference, The Next Future. Aspects are: expected evening events; additional acceptances to seminar invitations; preparations of the convening group; and a reminder.

Evening Events

Two anticipated seminar participants from California, Robert Bainbridge and Milana de Beauvoir Mascarenhas, are planning to contribute a one hour presentation titled, "An Adventure of Consciousness". It is a sophisticated multimedia programme etching the evolution of earthly consciousness from its beginnings to the future envisioned by figures such as Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and Sri Aurobindo. Peter Caddy, co-founder of the Findhorn community in Scotland, will share the experience of Findhorn by offering an audiovisual showing of the community's many-sided development and accomplishments. Arrangements are being explored for an Auroville venue of the Findhorn showing also.

New Acceptances

The following persons are planning, either certainly or tentatively, to be here for the seminar. They are in addition to those listed in the June "Focus" progress report.

Peter Caddy—Forres, Scotland: founder-director, the Findhorn Foundation.

Nitish R. De—New Delhi, India: dean, National Labour Institute.

Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal—Lucknow, India: reader in education, Lucknow University.

A. N. Rajaram—Pondicherry, India: manager, State Bank of India, Pondicherry Branch.

Robert Swann—Ashby, Massachusetts, U.S.A.: director, International Independence Institute.

Dr. William Irwin Thompson—Southampton, New York, U.S.A.: founder, and chairman, board of directors, The Lindisfarne Association; cultural historian.

F. Lawrsen Vig—Fyn, Denmark: Hesbjerg Peace Research College.

Findhorn and Lindisfarne are both emerging planetary communities which are attempting

to work out a new basis and pattern of life. They are similar to Auroville in several respects, and the three are often linked by current thinkers and writers.

Responses to other seminar invitations are expected soon and will be announced accordingly.

Convening Preparations

On 1 August the conveners called the first meeting of what is to be a core study-group consisting of about ten persons drawn locally from Pondicherry, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, and Auroville. The intent of this group is to develop itself in preparation for hosting the seminar and plenary sessions of the conference. Regular and frequent discussion, reading and study, and effort toward a group consciousness through meeting and working collectively are the means it will use at the outset. Many of the books and journals selected for its working library are, incidentally, authored and edited by expected seminar members, and so will also be a means of acquaintance with participants' thought, vision, and expression.

Reminder

Those planning to attend the conference as general delegates who have not yet registered are reminded to write The Next Future, World Union International, Pondicherry 605002, enclosing the registration fee of Rs. 25 or its equivalent. This should be done now so it will be received before 1 October 1976, thereby assuring guest accommodations.

ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Bombay In a multi-sponsored meeting with the Blavatsky Lodge of the Theosophical Society, the Friends of Yoga Society, and the Spiritual Unity of Nations, the Bombay Centre held a symposium on June 25th entitled, *Self-unfoldment in the Light of Theosophy, Yoga and Spirituality*. First Mrs. Todiwala of the Theosophical Society spoke about the development process of Patanjali's yoga in relation to theosophy. She was followed with an exposition on Zend-Avesta and yoga by Sri Dastur. Finally, World Union's Sri Amin described the integral unfoldment process, on several planes of consciousness, in the yoga of Sri Aurobindo.

Actually, this is the second time some of these spiritual movements collaborated in organising a gathering. The first, in April, brought a series of four lectures by Sri Rohit Metha on Sri Aurobindo's *Savitri: A Legend and a Symbol* and the problem of death, and another three lectures on the Integral Yoga. The Theosophical Society, Sri Aurobindo Society and World Union were pleased to see about three hundred persons attend their sponsored series of lectures.

Chakradharpur On 14 July Dr. P. R. Chandra was unanimously elected chairman of the centre. The election was occasioned by the transfer of his predecessor from the town.

India Centre The Scope of National Integration was the title of a seminar held on 26 July which concluded that the basis of national unity is fourfold: spiritual development, health improvement, true education, and economic upliftment of the masses. With the president, Sri N. S. Govinda Rao, taking part in the discussion, the group went beyond contemplating

the achievement of Indian integration and considered the difficulties of maintaining it once reached. Centrifugal tendencies internally, and ideological and economic pressures externally, would all have to be successfully dealt with so that eventually world unity could involve the free, unique development of each nation.

The India Centre intends to convene such seminars at least as often as once a month, in which the diverse aspects of national integration will be explored.

Konnagar Establishing the umbilical relation between the world union vision of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and the immediate work of national integration fell to the speaking capacities of Sri Samar Kumar Bose. He is reported to have convincingly accomplished this task at Konnagar Centre's meeting of July 24th.

Nanjangud Firmly seized by the problem of young educated persons who cannot find employment, members of the centre, during the 18 July meeting, decided to act. They are going to help this crucial group of unemployed persons by, in their words, "giving them advice and guidance and enlightening them on employment opportunities. We shall be recommending suitable candidates for jobs in the local industrial establishments. We shall also recommend deserving candidates for bank loans so that they might start some small industry." They continue with an appeal: "We shall be thankful to you if you will kindly inform us of job opportunities in Pondicherry or any other place for graduates. Some graduates here are prepared to go anywhere and take up employment in view of the desperate financial conditions."

North Calcutta In their 20 July meeting Sri Sujit Kumar Palit announced that the manifold activities and programmes of the centre were being more and more enthusiastically performed by its members. For example, the youth and students are now meeting every week, attracted and inspired by the discussions which are taking place. He also reported that the newly established monthly study circle, which concentrated on the subject, The Human Aspiration, in July, will gather again in August.

Pondicherry A new member co-opted by the centre's committee is Sri A. N. Rajaram, manager of the Pondicherry branch of the State Bank of India. In one of the re nascent centre's first projects outside of the rather extraordinary preparations to observe World Union Day on August 20th, it has made an appeal for receiving books, magazines and picture post-cards of an educational nature, especially from overseas, which will be presented to a selected local school as part of an effort to widen students' consciousness. The committee requests such material be sent to: Mr. George Moses, 3 Vivekanda Nagar, Pondicherry 605005 India.

A report has been received of the first meeting of a new, related movement in Pondicherry, the Youth Literary and Cultural Group. It was formed on 29 July 1976 under the guidance of Mr. George Moses, the chairman of World Union Pondicherry Centre. Sri Arvind Devalia spoke on how to effectively encourage international understanding as he was sharing his traveling experiences in different parts of the world. In the discussion which followed, members decided to invite young overseas visitors to their homes and their functions as a means of cultural and global inter-movement. The elected coordinator is Mr. K. Danassou, and their second meeting is scheduled a week hence.

U. K. (England) The centre has sent a short paper written by Mr. J. I. Patel, chairman

of the centre, which compares two minds in some detail: the scientific mind and the spiritual mind. The major distinction perceived is the scientific mind's operation within boundaries as it studies the nature of matter, and the operation beyond boundaries of the spiritual mind, which regards beauty, love, joy and awareness wherever they manifest.

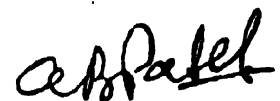
In describing some actions of the boundaryless mind, Mr. Patel says the "Spiritual mind will not spend its efforts in establishing a hippy commune or a square society because one is a precipitation of the other and both are bound equally to the non-dogma of liberalism and permissiveness, and the dogma of conformism and acquisitiveness". He concludes by asking for an integration of the true scientific and spiritual aspirations in order to make the creation of the world citizen possible.

Uttarpara A very unusual event, the triennial general meeting of Uttarpara Centre, was held on July 25, 1976. Their newly elected committee is: chairman: Sri S. K. Gupta; vice-chairman: Sri Niranjan Chakraborty; secretary: Sri Samar Basu (re-elected); assistant secretary and treasurer: Sri Panchkori Banerjee (re-elected). Seven other members were elected, among which are: medical service unit: Dr. Sadananda Bhattacharjee; women's wing: Shampa Bhattacharya; youth wing: Pradeep Panja.

During this meeting the secretary presented his report of the centre's activities since its inception three years ago this month. This extensive document gives a virtual history of the centre, chronicling the beginning of its youth wing, women's wing, Auroservice unit, its educational work which took the form of a group called Sri Aurobindo Siksha Samsad, and a medical service unit.

New Life Member
294. Sri Arvind Devalia

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General Secretary
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THE WORLD UNION MOVEMENT

When we have to work collectively, it is always better to insist, in our thoughts, feelings and actions, on the points of agreement rather than on the points of divergence.

We must give importance to the things that unite and ignore, as much as possible, those that separate.

— the Mother

Executive Committee

A special meeting of the executive committee of World Union was held in Pondicherry on 14 August 1976. A well attended meeting, it began with silent meditation.

Welcoming the members, Sri M. P, Pandit, chairman, said:

"Before we begin the agenda before us, I would like to offer a few preliminary observations to help make clear how we view things that are happening around us. Many of you are aware of the general agreement among scientists, social thinkers, and those who believe in spiritual values, that there is a new awareness, a new consciousness which is slowly making its way into all the fields of life. Particularly during the last few years, this awareness has been making itself felt. And one of the direct results has been the working of what may be called the Truth-Force, a power of Truth working all over the world to bring out the truth of things and expose all falsity. This force has been gathering strength, and the first astounding result was Watergate. Watergate on the scale that it took place—especially remembering its small beginnings—would have been unthinkable ten years ago. After Watergate there have been reverberations, minor Watergates in some countries of Europe and the East. Just when the last reactions of these Watergates are dying down, there is now the Lockheed scandal. We have seen great heads roll, crowns topple, and I can assure you that more is in store. If things have not been equally spectacular in India it is because of certain conditions, certain forces that are operating. Suffice it to say that conditions in India today are nearing the end of a phase, and before long we should see the opening of a new phase which makes it imperative for organisations like ours to consider their responsibilities very seriously.

"I am asked whenever new friends meet me or wherever I go: What exactly is World Union doing? If I tell them that we meet regularly, hold triennial conferences, promote seminars, conduct a journal, they are not very impressed, for they feel that this is pretty much

what other organisations are doing. They ask :What exactly is your contribution to the progress towards world union? If I say that we are trying to create a climate for the acceptance of this ideal, they reply that the climate has been present for some time, only people are not sincere in working out what they believe. So here is a challenge that every organisation believing in world union or human unity has to meet. We have in our previous meetings and conferences framed resolutions, put forward workable programmes, selected individuals who would look to following them up—but we are where we were. So I suggest that in this meeting we consider some project, even if it is a small one, which would fix our resolution to achieve world unity in some practical, tangible form. Let us not propose projects which are clearly outside our capabilities. Within our means and with what could be made available to us, we should start some kind of pilot project in whatever field we feel competent—and make a beginning. That will be our earnest to the country, showing that we are serious.

“I can only see two places where we could attempt this in India. Admittedly Bangalore is the place which has been most actively organised and is ideal from all points of view for the launching of an experiment. The next is, after the advent of Mr. Samar Basu and his colleagues, Calcutta. Bangalore is more stable politically than Calcutta, however. We should request the members from Bangalore to consider this possibility seriously and propose what they can do towards floating a pilot project in the course of a year or so—so that we make that beginning. The subject that is very much in the air and in which the members from Bangalore are very much interested is the one of national integration. Very well. Let that be the base, and let it be the channel through which we enter the national stream of life. What we are to do, in what way we can start, I reserve for Mr. Govinda Rao to elaborate.

“After making these observations and submissions, I wish to draw your attention to the fact that this is the last executive meeting before the triennial conference in January, central to which will be a seminar on The Next Future. You will be happy to note that to prepare for this gathering—to which a number of leaders in the humanities and social sciences are coming to participate from the West, particularly from the United States—we have started a study-group which meets weekly and discusses the questions, the possibilities, and the actualities of the next future, so as to be ready to conduct a meaningful seminar.

“We also have in January new elections for the office-bearers of World Union. And I solicit your support to my proposal that for the next term we should have Mr. A. B. Patel serve as the chairman of World Union. It is for him to choose his office-bearers. He has been reluctant to accept that office, but I know you are all one with me in saying that it is time that he formally accepts the status of the head of the institution, which he always is in our eyes.”

Several matters arising out of the minutes were discussed, during the course of which Rohit Mehta's draft on education and comments on it were considered. The discussion on this subject was quite long and involved numerous technical points. The following points emerged out of the discussions.

1. Since a main need in education is truly qualified teachers, World Union should collaborate in bringing teachers together to discuss educational concerns and opportunities.
2. World Union should support an experimental project in Auroville which would provide a

testing ground for all the points raised in the discussions, which could grow into a teacher's training site, and which would be a project communicated to World Union centres for their passive or active participation (e.g., young teachers coming to Auroville for training). This proposal was accepted.

3. World Union should link the concept of mankind with a reform of curriculum programmes.

4. World Union should form a committee for contributions on education to *World Union* to expose and solve problems.

5. World Union should form a committee to continue the work of education taken up in the draft paper. This committee would, in particular, integrate all the suggestions made on the draft paper and produce the final report. This proposal was accepted, and the chairman and general secretary were asked to form a committee.

Proposals to improve the working of World Union were put forward by Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana. These proposals were recommended by the Bangalore centre. There were two main areas of concern: attracting new members, and facilitating the organisational working. After a lengthy discussion in which the committee proved hesitant regarding the implementation of the circulated proposals, it was decided to make these proposals available to World Union centres without any recommendation, so that each could decide according to its own situation what to do with them. An important point made by the chairman during a discussion that moved back and forth between the spiritual emphasis of World Union's work and the external emphasis (i.e., social, economic, educational, political) was that World Union's basis and essential work is spiritual though it is to be expressed on physical, emotional, and mental levels by each centre and person in the way and manner natural.

The third World Council, exceeding one hundred members, was constituted of representatives of World Union centres and some eminent persons for a term of six years beginning 1 September 1976.

A progress report of the 1977 triennial conference, *The Next Future*, was presented by Ronald Jorgensen. He reviewed new acceptances to seminar invitations since the June "Focus" report, referred to the core study-group in Pondicherry and the work done by it, and also gave general information about preparations now proceeding. It was added that the very fine response to seminar invitations suggested that World Union members would be able to observe seminar sessions of an unusually high level and that this conference would excel in educational value for all members. Further, it was noted that the seminar discussions would be likely to disclose insights regarding the future of many fields and work that should have a great influence on World Union policy to come. A request was added for all to seek out souvenir/conference volume advertisements in order to finance the conference, and Sri N. S. Rao of Bombay and Sri Samar Basu of Uttarpara agreed to make special efforts in that direction.

Under "any other business", the World Union India Centre made proposals to raise finances for its work which did not prove acceptable to the committee. Instead, for the next year, when the situation may be reviewed, Sri N. S. Rao of Bombay offered to contribute to the India Centre Rs. 150 per month, and Sri Rambhai N. Amin of Ahmedabad Rs. 101 per month.

N. S. Rao commented that World Union methods of unity, harmony, love, and identification were very successful in his business.

Proposals sent by Samar Basu and Prof. M. V. Ramachandran were referred to and the consensus was that each centre should be at liberty to adopt such methods and means and to undertake such projects as are suited to the local conditions and as would serve the aims of World Union. No uniformity was desirable in a movement based on a spiritual foundation.

Conference Reception Committee

The enrolment of members for a reception committee for the fifth triennial conference has commenced and every member of World Union who desires to join It is welcomed on payment of Rs. 500. The following are already enrolled:

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| 1. Prof. Ambady Narayanan | 21 Perumal Koil St., Pondicherry 605001 |
| 2. A. B. Patel | World Union, Pondicherry 605002 |

Central Council

The second meeting of the central council of the World Union India Centre met at Bangalore on 17 August 1976 and discussed follow-up action in the light of replies so far received to the questionnaires they had issued. The meeting began under the chairmanship of Prof. N. S. Govinda Rao with a silent prayer. While welcoming the members, the chairman said that the philosophy for national integration at the moment is embodied in the collective effort of the millions constituting the nation and their collective spiritual thinking. There is not a single individual who can be regarded as the originator and propagator of the message of integration and unity. The movement for national integration is mainly spiritual in content and outlook. Spiritually based activities must enter the socio-economic fields for national well-being in order to make the masses realise the oneness of and in consciousness. Dr. T. Prasannasimha Rao presented a statement of progress which was approved. Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana gave a brief review of more than thirty replies received in response to the questionnaires sent to World Union members and others. Sri Rohit Mehta observed that in the concept of India as a spiritual entity alone lies true integration. He suggested a fourfold strategy to be adopted for exploring methods to achieve national integration:

- 1. To enable people to discover unity by an appreciation of unity in the midst of diversity in all social, cultural and other activities.**
- 2. The foundations of Indian culture must be emphasised through all means and media of mass communication.**
- 3. To popularise folklore, songs, dramas and dances of all countries in the world and the regions of India in particular.**
- 4. To draw attention to the saints and sages of India who have been great integrating forces and factors.**

Discussion took place at some length on these suggestions in which Haneeb Jawaaid, P. V. Rajagopal, Samar Basu, Shreedeviben Metha, A. B. Patel, and Rohit Mehta participated.

Sri Samar Basu informed the council that the second national convention of the World

Union centres of India would be held in West Bengal in the second week of December 1978 for three days.

Trends Towards a New World Order

Under the auspices of the World Union India Centre and the Indian Institute of World Culture, a public meeting was held on 17 August 1976 at the premises of the Indian Institute of World Culture. Sri A. B. Patel spoke on "Trends Towards a New World Order", and answered questions. He emphasised that we are passing through a period when new creation and destruction are simultaneously taking place. World conditions are very different from conditions of any other period of human history, and these are shaping a new world order, even though several elements of the old world order tend to persist. He traced briefly how world events disclose that there is a slow but steady growth of the spirit of international co-operation, while the tendency for confrontation and conflict is diminishing. That evening the World Union India Centre arranged a get-together dinner at the Woodlands Hotel where many friends connected with the work of World Union India Centre had the opportunity to meet each other.

Bangalore World Union Centre

Sri P. V. Rajagopal addressed a meeting, convened by the World Union Bangalore Centre on 1 August 1976, on the subject, "Yoga and World Union". He emphasised that yoga is a scientific means for attaining not only perfect health, an efficient body, and a peaceful and balanced mind and emotional nature, but also to attain to universal love and a consciousness established in unity with truth. If the World Union movement is to awaken to this realisation and establish unity, yoga is one of the important means to achieve it.

The Bangalore World Union Centre, the Humanist Organisation, the Institute of Gandhian Studies, Bangalore University, University Women Teachers' Association, and the Forum of International Affairs, all of Bangalore, organised a seminar at the Senate Hall, Bangalore University, on 20 and 21 August 1976 with four sections: Humanism and Religion, Humanism and Professions, Humanism and Literature, and Humanism and Mass Communication. Professional people and many eminent scholars in the field of religion, literature, mass communication and journalism participated. Among them were: Dr. H. Narasimhayya, vice-chancellor of the University of Bangalore; Dr. D. C. Pavte, ex-governor of Punjab and former vice-chancellor of the Karnataka University; Dr. V. K. Gokak, former vice-chancellor of the University of Bangalore; Sri Nittoor Srinivasa Rao, former judge of the High Court of Bangalore and former vigilance commissioner, Government of India. The seminar was attended by the elite of the city and about 150 student delegates drawn from the various colleges of Bangalore. The prominent feature of the seminar was the question and answer session which brought out the latent talent and inherent spirit of unity among the college youth.

A symposium on National Integration was held on the eve of World Union Day, 20 August 1976, in Bangalore. Among the participant speakers were: Sri K. G. Katwey, Sri B. Krishnamurti, Dr. M. A. Hafeez and Prof. M. G. Narsimhaswamy; Sri Thandaweswara acted as moderator. The symposium was held at the auditorium of R. V. Teachers' College,

Jayanagar, Bangalore. Sri Katwey emphasised that human understanding is necessary for achieving integration at the individual, national or international levels. Sri Krishnamurti put forward the need to practice integration at personal and national levels, and not merely by vociferous lectures. Dr. M. A. Hafeez stated that integration can never be achieved either at the personal or national level with the existence of millions of undernourished or impoverished men and women. Professor Narasimhaswamy laid emphasis on the dignity of the individual and said that the new juridical aspect promotes the feeling that we all belong to one species and all deserve to live together. The other speakers on the occasion were Sri M. K. Ramasham, public relations officer, the Humanist Organisation; Sri Bhaskar, lecturer at R. V. College; Prof. Jean A. Carpenter and Conie Carpenter of Barcelona. The moderator summed up the symposium by observing that the World Union movement should be based on a cultural consciousness with special emphasis on a framework of values, while seeking a remedy to economic disparity by collective economic uplift of the underprivileged. For arranging this symposium, World Union Bangalore Centre had issued a circular dated 1 August 1976, and a background note giving information about World Union and the participants.

Surendra Mohan Ghose

With a full heart we announce that Sri Surendra Mohan Ghose, a veteran Congress worker, freedom fighter, and a well-known patriot of India, passed away at New Delhi on 7 September 1976. His body was flown to Calcutta and cremated there. Many prominent Indians, including the prime minister, paid rich tributes to his services to India. On the guidance received from the Mother in her own handwriting on 23 April 1960, when the first election of the office-bearers of World Union took place, he was elected president. He continued in that position until 20 August 1964 when the Mother graciously consented to be the president, and Sri Surendra Mohan Ghose was elected chairman. This position he voluntarily renounced in December 1973, but continued as a member of the executive committee until he passed away. He was a life member of World Union and organised the World Union Delhi Centre of which he was the president from its inception till his passing. He took keen interest in the progress of the World Union movement and we will now miss his valuable advice and services. He was a devotee of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, and carried on all his work as an offering to the Divine.

ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Butwal In addition to its weekly meetings, the Butwal centre held a programme on August 15, 1976 to celebrate Independence Day as well as Sri Aurobindo's birthday. The programme included participation in sports events, meditation, homage to Sri Aurobindo and a brief talk by the president, Sri S. K. Rattan—who expressed his gratitude to the pioneers of human unity—and an evening get-together and cultural programme.

On 20 August 1976, World Union Day was celebrated. The programme included

meditation and a talk by the president on the significance of World Union Day and *The Ideal of Human Unity*. He also read from the Mother's *Prayers and Meditations*.

Hearing the news on September 7th of the passing of Sri Surendra Mohan Ghose, the Butwal centre called a special condolence meeting that evening. After an opening meditation, the centre's president paid his most respectful homage to the departed soul, saying: "May Dadaji ever remain guiding us to carry out his mission of Truth, Peace and Unity." The meeting then closed with a brief meditation.

Pondicherry In collaboration with the Government Law College, Pondicherry, the Pondicherry centre celebrated World Union Day on 20 August and organised an inter-school and inter-collegiate elocution contest on the topic, "As Is the Person, So Is the Nation". It was held at the Government Law College premises. Ten higher secondary schools and seven colleges participated in the contest. The prize winners among the high school students were: (1) Kumari Lakshmi Krishna of Central School; (2) Kumari Kamakshi of Immaculate Heart of Mary School and (3) Master Ravi Raju Gopal of Central School. (1) Mr. B. Das Gupta of Jipmer, (2) Miss K. Latha of Government Law College, and (3) Miss Varalatchoumi of Bharatidasan Government College for Women, were the winners among the college students. Miss A. P. Sharada, professor of English, Jipmer, distributed the prizes. Mr. George Moses was the announcer; Sri Rajaraman proposed a vote of thanks. A panel discussion on "National Integration and World Unity" followed. Sri Madhav Pandit, Mr. Ronald Jorgensen, and Miss A. P. Sharada were the speakers, and Dr. N. R. Madhava Menon, principal of the Law College, was the moderator.

In the evening at the Ashram theatre, Salem S. Jayalakshmi, the well-known classical singer of Madras, and her party gave a recital of devotional songs in Sanskrit, Tamil, Kannada and Hindi. Sri Mohan of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram had earlier sung songs of invocation to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

The newly formed Youth Literary and Cultural Club, under the guidance of Mr. George Moses (chairman, Pondicherry World Union Centre), and the local World Union centre have decided to affiliate and to assist each other in mutually-undertaken projects. One such project is a "book bank". Members and friends of World Union in India and abroad are requested to send books, magazines, pamphlets, travel brochures, etc., which will be presented by the Pondicherry centre to selected schools. The address to contact is: Mr. George Moses, Chairman, World Union Pondicherry Centre, 3 Vivekananda Nagar, Pondicherry 605005.

Konnagar The centre celebrated World Union Day on 20 August in Swami Dhyana-nanda Ashram with the active participation of women devotees of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. They staged a dance drama, "Keno Ai Ma", by Sri Samar Bose, depicting the role of Savitri in paving the way for the descent of the Divine Mother who is to usher in the next step of the spiritual evolution of man.

At the monthly meeting held at the same venue, Sri Samar Basu referred to The Next Future, the theme of the fifth triennial World Union conference, and spoke on "Sri Aurobindo on the Future Society". He concluded his talk by laying special stress on man's ultimate destiny: to acquire Supermanhood within his material existence and being.

Hyderabad The centre celebrated Sri Aurobindo's birthday on 15 August at Sri

Aurobindo Library Hall. Dr. Ramchandran, Dr. Nadkarni and others participated in the meditation.

On 20 August a public meeting was held under the chairmanship of Sri Venkatramiah. Dr. P. N. Bindu wrote a paper, entitled "One World", for the occasion and Sri Kasinath read it. Dr. Bindu explained the objectives of World Union and explained its significance. Dr. V. Suryanarayana Rao, a staunch advocate of the Sarvodaya movement, spoke on the need to evolve a socio-economic order for the upliftment of the common man. Sri Kasinath, the author of *Scientific Vedantha*, emphasised the need for the study of Vedanta in this age of science and technology.

Chaibasa The centre arranged special meetings on 15 and 20 August at the centre's premises to observe Sri Aurobindo's birthday and World Union Day respectively. Both the meetings were well attended. On the 15th, passages from the Mother's *Prayers and Meditations* were read, and on the 20th, the importance of World Union Day was discussed.

Calcutta The centre held its monthly meeting on 17 July 1976 with Sri L. N. Datta presiding. Sri Samar Basu, the main speaker of the day, gave a talk on the World Union movement. He referred to the relationship between the World Union movement and the *sadhana* outlined by Sri Aurobindo. He spoke at some length and sketched the evolution of the human race towards unity, pointing out that Sri Aurobindo's *Ideal of Human Unity* traces historically the progress made by humanity towards the realisation of unity, and ought to inspire World Union workers to work for this ideal. Those in the meeting applied their minds to several matters and then decided to celebrate the ensuing birthday of Sri Aurobindo on 15 August and World Union Day on 20 August at Sodepur along with other World Union centres in West Bengal. The progress for the registration of the World Union Cultural and Economic Council was mentioned. Those who intend to attend the fifth triennial World Union conference were asked to register their names as delegates at Pondicherry with the payment of Rs. 25.

Nanjangud The centre celebrated World Union Day on Sunday, 22 August. Sri B. Hanumantha Reddy, special land acquisition officer, Nanjangud, was the chief guest. He gave a talk on "National Integration of India", with Prof. K. S. Vishwanathan, presiding. It was a well attended meeting.

Uttarpara The centre celebrated Sri Aurobindo's birthday on the 15th at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith, Uttarpara. The 29th monthly meeting of the centre was held on 4 September when Sri Samar Basu spoke, elaborating the features of a subjective age which would be a step for mankind to reach a spiritual age. Before speaking on the subject, he had placed before the gathering his report of the meetings of the executive committee at Pondicherry and the central council at Bangalore. He also explained the significance of the subject, *The Next Future*, selected for the fifth triennial World Union conference. The meeting decided that the centre in collaboration with other centres would celebrate U. N. Day on 24 October 1976 at Jay Krishna Public Library, Uttarpara, when a symposium, on Loyalty to Family vis-a-vis Loyalty to Humanity, would be organised by students and youth-wing members.

Regional Centre of West Bengal The centre's first meeting on 20 June 1976 was held at the hall of Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Calcutta, Sri S. N. Roy Choudhury presiding. This report

is rather late but, being the first meeting of the Regional Centre, it is advisable that the information is provided. After a few minutes of group concentration, Sri T. K. Sinha, the secretary of the Regional Centre, presented a report of the progress made. On the basis of the report, Sri Samiran Ghosh asked that prospects for opening new centres in each district of West Bengal be explored. It was decided that all World Union centres of West Bengal should meet at Sodepur on 22 August to observe World Union Day; that the second national convention of World Union Centres in India should be held in West Bengal in December 1978; and that a working cell of the Regional Centre consisting of Sri S. N. Choudhury, Dr. G. R. Mittra, and Sri Samar Basu be formed. Resolutions were also adopted on several important questions affecting the World Union movement, such as the holding of seminars at intervals of three months with the cooperation of all the centres of West Bengal. In pursuance of the resolution to celebrate World Union Day, the Regional Centre had issued a notice to all World Union centres in West Bengal on 25 July informing them that the celebration at Sodepur would take place on 22 August. We are awaiting the report of that seminar.

Khar World Union Day was celebrated on the 20th August at Sahakar Building, and Dr. Ushaben Mehta of Bombay University, Department of Politics and Sociology, spoke on "National Integration" and emphasised the need of it for the orderly progress of India. On 30 August, Sri Rohit Mehta gave a talk at Sahakar on the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and pointed out how it was a synthesis of yogic systems of the past.

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REVIEW

Psychiatry and Mysticism, edited by *Stanley R. Dean, M. D.* Chicago: Nelson-Hall, 1975. 422 pages, \$15.

This work is the result of a continuing interdisciplinary project to validate in Western scientific terms psychic phenomena and mystical experience. Growing out of three panel-symposia of the American Psychiatric Association, the discussion covers a wide field: meta-psychiatry, mysticism, ESP, occultism, telepathy, hypnotism, meditational techniques, healing, states of consciousness and allied topics. There is a sustained effort in all areas to find a common ground of meeting, and the conclusions are generally in consonance with the spirit of the day, synthetic and assimilative.

Dr. Stanley Dean, the editor, Dr. Elmer Green, Dr. J. B. Rhine, Dr. Julian Silverman, to mention only a few of the eminent contributors, bring a scientific approach to the present and past traditions of religion, mysticism and occultism and assess their relevance to the demands of medicine and sociology in the context of the age. There is a general recognition that the methods thus far developed by science for the exploration of the phenomenon of consciousness are far from adequate and greater sophistication is necessary. It is unfortunate that the knowledge provided by yoga has not been sufficiently regarded and utilised. There is only a superficial study evidenced in some of the papers of certain popular brands of meditation. Yoga therapy is a science that should be developed through modern means of research and application. A deeper study of the Yoga of Patanjali and the techniques of *pranayama* for bringing about "altered states of consciousness" is called for, as also of the relatively new and integral methods of yoga for growth into higher levels of consciousness.

M. P. Pandit



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Pandit in Baroda

World Union International's chairman, Sri M. P. Pandit, attended as chief guest the annual conference of the Sri Aurobindo Centres of Gujarat held in Baroda from September 25th to 27th. En route, he visited on invitation the Vivekananda Kendra in Madras, and addressed a meeting convened on the occasion. Speaking on "The Emerging Future", he pointed to the movements that are currently gathering force for the emancipation of women, of children, and of men.

Upon arrival in Baroda, he was taken to Sri Aurobindo Nivas, the building—donated by the government—where Sri Aurobindo had spent more than eleven years after his return to India from England in 1893. Early that first evening Sri Pandit spoke on the ideal of human unity as viewed by Sri Aurobindo, and then responded to interesting questions on political developments in general and World War II in particular. Later he addressed a meeting of the Baroda Rotary Club and explained that integration is the need of the hour. He pointed out how Sri Aurobindo's philosophy and yoga can help effectuate this integration on the personal, social, and international levels.

The conference formally opened the next morning with more than 175 delegates and hundreds of public participants attending daily. The inauguration commenced with a rendering by Vasanti of the Durga Stotra of Sri Aurobindo, and Sri Pandit spoke on the contribution and direction given to world thought by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. In the afternoon he talked particularly to the centre representatives on the lines on which centres are expected to work in both the spiritual field and in other fields of life touching the general society. That evening he addressed members of a nearby industrial community on the relevance of Sri Aurobindo to modern man, indicating precise lines on which this teaching can help to meet life-situations.

"The Psychic Being" was the theme of Sri Pandit's morning presentation on the conference's second day. He spoke at length on the concepts of the soul, the self, the true personality, and then traced the connotations of the "psychic" in Vaishnava philosophy before focussing on the role of the psychic being in the sadhana of the Integral Yoga. So many questions followed that it was decided to hold a special question and answer session the next morning. That afternoon he addressed a gathering of teachers on the approach of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother to education, drawing particular attention to the fourfold dimension of education in the Mother's view. "All Life Is Yoga" was the topic of the lecture in the evening. Sri Pandit developed the theme with abundant illustrations from life under the Mother's guidance, and then again replied to queries.

The previously arranged session exclusively for questions was found stimulating, and the topics considered included occultism, sociology, mysticism, philosophy, yoga, and the miracles of godmen. On that final evening Sri Pandit spoke on his favourite subject: the Divine Mother. All present, and the grounds were more than full, found this meeting an especially rewarding experience. The day concluded with devotional music by Vasanti in Sanskrit, Gujarathi, Bengali, Hindi, and Marathi.

The conference over, Sri Pandit paid a visit the next morning to Kayavarohan, where he and those accompanying him had a rare audience with Swamiji Sri Kripalvanand. A centre for yogic research is developing at this enchanting place, and the visit was found to be uniquely worthwhile. Later, Sri Pandit was received by the faculty of fine arts of Baroda University, and briefly addressed the post-graduate students and answered their questions. A quick visit to Aryakanya High School followed and Sri Pandit was impressed by the discipline that prevailed among the students. Finally, that evening, he spoke on *Savitri*, giving a panoramic view of Sri Aurobindo's epic with apposite readings from the text.

Throughout the period in Baroda, Sri Pandit felt a special atmosphere pervading Sri Aurobindo Nivas, where Sri Aurobindo's relics have been installed. A consecrated group of workers are making every effort to keep pace with the centre's growth, and upon request Sri Pandit has offered a number of suggestions for the development of the institution, which he feels may soon become a branch of the ashram at Pondicherry.

On his return journey, Sri Pandit stopped for three days in Bombay where he addressed three public meetings, held discussions with private groups, and was interviewed by the press. Here, as in Baroda, he experienced keen interest in the work of World Union and of Auroville, and a perceptible opening to the message of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

THE NEXT FUTURE Progress Announcement—III

Preparations for The Next Future, World Union's triennial conference, now move within two months of its January 8, 1977 convening date. Developments since progress announcements I and II in June and September issues of "Focus" are these: new acceptances of seminar invitations; inaugurator of the conference; and information on the contents and purpose of the conference volume.

New Acceptances

In addition to those announced earlier, these persons are participating, or plan to participate, in the seminar.

Maria Helena de Bestos Freire—Sao Paulo, Brazil: director, Centro de Estudos Yoga Narayana; vice president, International Yoga Teacher's Association.

Rolf Gelewski—Salvador, Brazil: founder-director, Casa Sri Aurobindo, dancer.

Dr. Sisirkumar Ghose—Calcutta, India: professor of English, Santiniketan.

J. C. Kapur—New Delhi, India: technologist, Kapur Solar Farms; futurologist.

Dr. Erika Landau—Tel-Aviv, Israel: director, Young Persons' Institute for the Promotion of Art and Science, Museum Haaretz; psychotherapist, educator, researcher in creativity.
Rohit Metha—Varanasi, India: writer, lecturer, and educationist.
Rajan Nehru—Allahabad, India: vice president, UN Human Rights Commission, 1976; women's movement and world federal activist.
Jean Pontius Rindge—Buffalo, New York, U.S.A.: president and executive director, The Human Dimensions Institute; editor, *Human Dimensions*.
D. S. Seth—Bombay, India: vice chairman, Tata Energy Research Institute.

Inaugurator

The conference will be inaugurated by Sri B. T. Kulkarni, former professor of higher mathematics at Kolapur College, now lieutenant governor of Pondicherry. He had also served as secretary to Subash Bose and underwent several years imprisonment by colonial Great Britain for the sake of the Indian freedom movement. Then he moved into a position of leadership in the subcontinent's labour movement, became the general secretary of the All India Congress Committee, and at the same time was elected to the Rajya Sabha, parliament's upper house. Sri Kulkarni is a man known for action consistent with his perception, and for a wide-ness of interest, of which that in humanistic movements is prominent.

Conference Volume

To be published in the first week of December, the conference volume will combine three functions: it will take the place of the December issue of *World Union* journal, and be entirely concentrated on the next future; it will be the primary source of background and preparatory material for the conference itself, containing the major papers submitted by seminar participants and others; and it will be the souvenir volume carrying the compliments of those who have shared in the financing of the coming gathering. Included in the volume will be papers by Ervin Laszlo, Beatrice Bruteau, Clayton Jensen, Mary Bailey, and Donald Keys among others. The publication will be sent to seminar members and persons registered as general participants, as well as regular subscribers to *World Union*.

ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITIES

World Union Centres

Lucknow A seminar on "Nationalism and Human Unity" was organised by the Lucknow centre at Gandhi Bhavan, on Saturday, 18 September. Members of the Gandhi Bhavan, students of Lucknow University, and others attended. Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal presided and emphasised in his remarks that the World Union movement is working for human unity on a spiritual basis; men of goodwill of all nations and religions are welcome to participate in its efforts. Sri Jagdish Gandhi, in speaking of the need of human unity for the world, noted the growing interdependence of nations and said that in the interests of world peace it is necessary to dispose of lingering differences based on colour, caste, class and religion. Sri Ram Pravesh Shastri, secretary of the Gandhi Bhavan, stressed that though most people have

accepted the value of nationalism, they are still somewhat hesitant to accept the ideal of human unity. But obviously it is necessary for us to realise that without international understanding there cannot be peace and progress in the world. Miss Anita Dikshit, a post-graduate student of Lucknow University, drew attention to the problem of caste and class tensions in India. Intercaste marriages will help accelerate national integration she felt. She pleaded for making the study of Sanskrit compulsory and thought that it could become a chief means of communication in India. Sri R. S. Jayaswal, an officer of L.I.C., emphasised the need for developing healthy human relationships to realise national integration and human unity. Sri Moredhwaj Varma referred to numerous problems, such as the population explosion and environmental pollution, and said that these clearly cannot be solved without international cooperation. Sri Radha Shyam Yogi spoke of the present mechanical age and the crisis of consciousness, urging that the problems of life, the nation, and the world must be approached with a higher consciousness and a global attitude. Sri Om Prakash pleaded for practical suggestions to solve the problem of national integration as also for bringing about human unity, since the two needs are complementary. The seminar concluded with a short meditation.

Bangalore The centre held its monthly meeting on 5 September, Sri P. V. Rajagopal presiding. Dr. Lakshminarayana spoke on "How to Keep Young". He said that throughout the ages men have dreamt of finding ways and means of maintaining vigour and youth, and today scientists are actively working toward that end. Until a few years ago scientists believed in the limitations fixed by heredity, but this is not now accepted, because change of nutritional pattern and other factors can extend youth and healthy middle age. He referred to processes which can prolong useful life, and to "aging research" being carried out extensively in the United States and other countries. One can by simple habits, eating less but nutritious food for example, keep physically and mentally fit. He noted that sane life is the surest way to remain young even in the "evening of life".

World Union India Centre conducted its second public seminar on "National Integration—Means and Methods" on 19 September. Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, Sri T. K. Rao, Sri B. S. Sivaraman, Dr. B. N. Lingaraju, Prof. S. Ramakrishnan and Sri Mir Iqbal Hussain participated.

North Calcutta The 29th monthly meeting of the North Calcutta centre was held 24 August, Sri Sushanto Mitra presiding. The programme commenced with devotional songs by Smt. Sati Das and Smt. Ranu Das, followed by group concentration with the Mother's music, and reading from the Upanishads by Sri Sujit Kumar Palit, who inaugurated the meeting. Sri Samar Basu spoke on "The Coming of the Subjective Age". In his speech, Sri T. K. Sinha talked about the "get-together day" held in West Bengal on 22 August, the proposed national convention, the coming fifth triennial conference, and the forthcoming executive committee meeting of North Calcutta centre. At the last study circle, Dr. Makhan Lal Dhar discussed "The Future Society". Smt. Shree Lekha Bose, Smt. Sati Das, Smt. Anita Kumari Ranu Das and Kumari Kalayani Kar offered devotional songs. The meeting closed with a prayer by Sri Palit and group concentration.

The centre held its 30th monthly meeting presided over by Sushanto Mitra on 20 Sep-

tember. After devotional songs, group concentration with Mother's music, reading of Vedic hymns, and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, Sri T. K. Sinha inaugurated the meeting. Kumari Ranu Das, a member of the youth wing, and Sri Kasimath Bhattacharjee spoke on, "The Individual and Group as Thought by Sri Aurobindo" and "World Union, National Integration and Some Growing Thoughts", respectively. Sri Sujit Kumar Palit spoke on, "Youth and the Spiritual Regeneration of India". Sri Samar Basu also addressed the meeting, and Sri Palit and Sri Sinha read out self-written verses.

It was decided that the next study circle meeting will be conducted by Dr. Makhan Lal Dhar on 11 October on the subject, "Jib-O-Brahman", and that a course on "Preliminary Ideas on Sri Aurobindo and the Mother" would be continued in the Sunday weekly circle of students and youth.

Regional Centre (State) West Bengal World Union Day was observed on 22 August with a whole-day programme and exhibition, of the cultural workshop, at Sodepur High School. More than 200 delegates from all World Union centres of West Bengal participated. It commenced with the hoisting of a flag marked with Mother's symbol by Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, followed by the slogan and song "Bandemataram" and other songs. Sri Samir Ghatak, secretary of Sodepur centre, delivered a welcome address. Sri S. N. Ray Choudhury, chairman of the Regional Centre presided over the morning session. Thirteen students from different World Union centres participated in the seminar on "National Integration for World Unity", which was conducted by Sri Shiba Prasad Nag. The cultural workshop with the creative work of members, students and children was opened by the chairman, and paintings, models, craft works and cottage industry products, etc., were displayed there. The morning session ended with devotional songs by Sri Mihir Dey.

The evening session was presided over by Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya. Sri Samar Basu spoke on, "The Second National Convention—A Programme", requesting all to make it a success. Sri Bhattacharya spoke about the soul of the fifth conference of World Union International. Thereafter a literary conference conducted by him commenced. Sri T. K. Shah delivered an introductory speech on "Future Literature", and read some passages from the writings of Sri Aurobindo, the Mother, and Sri Anirban, as well as his own poetry, essays and stories. At the conclusion of the conference, Sri Basu Deb Samanto discussed the progress of literature. In the cultural programme, members of the World Union Konnagar Centre offered a dance-drama, "KE-NO-AI-MA", written by Sri Samar Basu. Members of the World Union Sodepur Centre enacted dances of different states of India. At the close of the programme, Sri T. K. Sinha thanked all concerned.

Cultural and Economic Council The council has been registered under the Societies Registration Act with the following as members of the first governing body:

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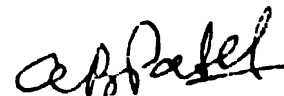
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| 9. " | Sri Samir Kumar Ghatak (Sodepur Centre) |
| 10. " | Sri Keshab Ch. Ghatak, Baranagar |
| 11. " | Sri Dharendra Ch. Sarkar, Baranagar |

The constitution of the council provides for the formation of a consultative council. The first consultative council consists of eleven well-known persons. The objects of the council are praiseworthy and it deserves support. We shall give some of the important objects of the council in an issue of "Focus" in the near future.

Uttarpara The centre held its 38th monthly seminar on 9 October, when Sri S. K. Gupta, Sri N. K. Roy, and Kumari Shampa Bhattacharya spoke on "Youth and the Spiritual Regeneration of India". The first phase of the discussion was to determine the necessity of spiritual regeneration and the ways for achieving it, and the second phase was to ascertain what role the youth has to play: matter and spirit are the two aspects of divinity—the younger generation is to realise this truth. At the commencement of the seminar, Sri Madhusudan Banerjee paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of his 108th birth anniversary. Sri Shymal Chatterji and Pradeep Panja, members of the youth wing, and Sri Ashim Chakraborty, student member of Konnagar centre, paid homage to the renowned Bengali novelist, Sarat Chandra Chatterji, on the occasion of his birth centenary, and Sri Samar Basu spoke of the late Sri Surendra Mohan Ghose, former chairman of World Union.

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INTEREXISTENCE: A POSSIBLE FUTURE OF ORDER AND HARMONY

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All societies in the world today are in a process of transformation. Technologies and institutions, as well as values, beliefs and goals are changing. In industrialized societies optimistic belief in the automatic continuation of rapid economic growth has waned and its benefits are questioned. In communist countries confidence in the rapid achievement of world communism has been replaced by a more pragmatic interest in management of present structures and movements. The developing world is questioning the desirability of following traditional Western or communist strategies of development, and in some resource-poor developing countries belief in the adequate fulfilment of human needs has become the center of attention.

These transformations could lead to positive or negative results. The rich countries could turn inward in a desperate attempt to safeguard their prosperity and exercise triage in their dealings with the developing world. The poor countries could attempt to place increasing pressures on the affluent for a more equitable international order and could thereby trigger economic warfare and the formation of polarized groups. The arms of ultimate destruction could eventually come into use.

But more positive outcomes are still possible. Policies of benefit to all mankind could

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come to be recognized and adopted. Goals of global scope could be pursued in such areas as security, food production and distribution, population, economic growth, and socio-economic development. A new international economic as well as moral order could be specified and built.

Efforts could be undertaken to achieve world security by defusing the nuclear confrontation of the superpowers, stopping the proliferation of nuclear weapons, curtailing the burgeoning trade in conventional arms, and creating a more effective system of arbitration and peacekeeping.

Policies could be spelled out and put into effect to increase the world's food production by improving the application of appropriate agricultural technologies, researching and developing new methods of food production, and creating a more effective and just world food distribution system.

National policies could be coordinated to reduce high fertility rates by guaranteeing minimum living standards to the poorest populations, launching effective family planning programs, and making birth control devices widely available. Problems of urbanization could be handled through mutual aid, assistance programs and exchange of information concerning ways to upgrade rural areas and check migration to the cities.

A new world economic order could be not merely discussed but actually implemented by switching to production methods that conserve resources and energy, and protect the environment; by selectively promoting the growth of services in industrialized countries and of basic industries in the developing world; and coordinating the research, development and worldwide application of safe and economical alternative energy technologies.

Developmental assistance could be transformed from sporadic charity-giving, and aid-with-strings, to an enduring compact between rich and poor nations. The affluent could provide loans, outright aid and other forms of assistance through international channels, could provide indirect help by voluntarily reducing consumption of scarce and expensive resources, and could facilitate the transfer of appropriate science and technology. The international business community could help create a basis for economic self-reliance in developing countries through enlightened corporate policies. International financial bodies could attempt to make hard currencies accessible to rich and poor nations alike. Developing countries could, in turn, carefully select their strategies of development to make optimum use of the various forms of assistance made available to them, and create a sound basis for increasingly self-reliant development.

All these things *could* happen. But *would* they?

In order to change well-intentioned plans into concrete action, a new spirit of solidarity must grow among the world's peoples. If a revolution occurred in people's consciousness of the dangers as well as the opportunities of a highly populated and finite but technologically skillful and humanly adaptable world, individual persons, nations, regions and corporations would no longer seek to outdo each other and press for their own advantage at the cost of others, but seek strategies that could distribute benefits to all. Adversary relations would be replaced by the symbiotic ties of voluntary partnership in collective tasks. The aim of international negotiations would go beyond the ambition merely to lessen tensions; it would be

to create policies of mutual help and assistance.

A new step is required in the evolution of the human orders. This step would put the international community beyond tolerant but mutually indifferent coexistence and place it on a new plateau of greater symbiosis and adaptivity, signalled by the concept of *interexistence*.

Coexistence was functional in the post World War II era when animosity had to be moderated among relatively independent and autonomous powers. Although it originated between World Wars I and II, when a Soviet harvest failure made outside help imperative, the concept of coexistence gained wide currency when both the United States and the Soviet Union evolved nuclear arsenals, and realized that an all-out confrontation might be suicidal. Since mutual mistrust and animosity remained, the concept of peaceful coexistence was resorted to. This made it possible for the war of propaganda and the politics of power to continue without incurring the immediate risk of a nuclear showdown.

As time passed, more areas of mutually beneficial collaboration were perceived by the superpowers. These included space technology, trade, and scientific-cultural exchange. In the face of pressures by China on the one hand, and the increasing demands of resource-rich developing nations on the other, the advantages of joining forces in some areas were seen to outweigh the supposed benefits of economic and ideological confrontation. The politics of propaganda and sabre-rattling were played down, and the key concept became *détente*.

Yet by the mid-seventies coexistence, even with *détente*, became dangerously outmoded. It proved to have little efficacy in relation to the reduction of arms spending, collaboration in space and ocean exploration and use, and the common threats of depleting resources, rising populations and deteriorating environments.

By the end of the 1970s, coexistence and *détente* will have to be committed to the dust heaps of history, together with bipolar politics and purely short-term national interests. *Détente* will have to be replaced by *entente* (mutual understanding), and coexistence by *interexistence*.

Interexistence is a concept as old as mankind, yet it has never, so far, operated on the world level. ("Inter" in interexistence means reciprocity, as it does in "interrelation" or "interchange".) Existence has always been mutually dependent and reciprocal within limited social groups. Now, because of global problems and global interdependence, mutual dependence and reciprocity must be acknowledged as facts of life on the level of the world community itself.

The logic of interexistence is inclusive: it is "you and I", "they and we". It replaces the logic of exclusion which says "you or I", "they or we". Through the concept of interexistence, collaborative interactions can develop to move the human species far beyond the limiting logic of exclusion. Collaboration can transform a "zero-sum game" of separated individuals into a "plus-sum game" of partners.

(In a zero-sum game the gains and losses of the players balance each other—their sum remains zero. The players play against each other, and when one gains a chip the other loses it. In a plus-sum game the players collaborate, and can increase the number of chips, making it possible for everyone to gain.)

A plus-sum result is possible with respect to all global issues. Security can be improved for all nations and not limited to some at the expense of others. If all agree to disarm, to reduce their defence expenditures, and to institute effective peacekeeping systems, global security can improve without resultant insecurity for any nation. More food can be produced for all people through a proper use of existing technologies and development of new methods for the distribution of produce. The better diet of some need not mean deprivation for others. The world population can likewise be stabilized without trading off reductions in one area for gains in another. Economic growth can be selectively achieved for all nations and populations, and higher levels of development can be assured for the poor without reducing by the corresponding amount the standard of living of the rich.

Playing the plus-sum games of interexistence does not mean making all the players alike. In the human realm, as in nature, it will continue "to take all kinds to make a world". A world society of but one kind or class of people is as unlikely as an ecosystem of but one species. Diversity is of the essence, in the interests of mutual balance, alternatives for change, and the continued dynamism of growth and development. But diversity without coordination can become destructively chaotic. The kind of coordinated diversity that evolved in nature through the slow processes of mutation and natural selection must evolve in global society through rapid innovations and adaptations in values, goals, structures and institutions. It must do so peacefully, under the stimulus not of animosity and aggression, but of the perception of mutual interests and a commitment to a shared future.

If a revolution occurs in human consciousness, the resultant solidarity of the world's peoples will permit the definition, pursuit and implementation of global goals. International relations will move out of the constraining mold of *coexistence with détente*, and assume the new, species-liberating and globally appropriate form of *interexistence with entente*.

WORLD UNION

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FIFTH TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE: THE NEXT FUTURE

*Give us the faith in a glorious future
and the capacity to realise it.*

— The Mother

Brief Report of the Conference

Sri Ronald Jorgensen, the Convener of the Conference, a leading member of the Study Group and a leading participant in the Seminar looks back in the brief report below:

Convening from the West and East, the seminar of forty men and women ranged themselves before a registration of 315 general participants and a number of observers on the opening Saturday afternoon of The Next Future, the 8th of January 1977. That morning the inaugural session had been started with a powerfully experienced meditation of two minutes. With a welcoming declaration that not the distant future, but the next future can be an unprecedented liberation of humanity's potential, Sri A. B. Patel asserted that the old order has already cracked. By a conscious effort, not only performing his duty to himself and family but to his nation, humanity, and all life of the planet, the unitary new can, he said, be shaped.

The Lieutenant Governor of the Pondicherry State, Sri Bidesh Tukaram Kulkarni, gave an original and provocative inaugural address, discarding his written speech and sharing his perceptions in a freshness of spontaneity. While completely supporting the theme of the conference, he said the decisive thing is what is done after this conference to justify holding the next one — that is, what is done between conferences. In a similar deftness of practicality, Sri Kulkarni suggested that World Union ought to send a deputation to assist the next troubled nation in the world, like Rhodesia, rather than simply pass and send resolutions about such crisis. On his government's behalf he declared full support to the work of the Ashram, World Union, and particularly Auroville, a support extending from the prime minister herself, who wants Sri Aurobindo's and the Mother's light to shine and quicken the entire earth. The Lieutenant Governor saw the next future as something inseparable from the past and present, and felt the awareness of this in participants would tend to keep the seminar discussions realistic: his concerned observation proved to be prophetic.

The four seminar sessions were moderated (1. Service, perfection in work) by Sri J. C. Kapur, the technologist and futurologist from New Delhi and Sri J. S. Lall, New Delhi the executive chairman of India International Centre; (2. Harmony, order) by Mr. Sol Kort,

a chemist from Vancouver, Canada, who is director of the Humanities and Sciences Programs, Division of continuing education, University of British Columbia and Dr. N. R. Madhava Menon, Principal of Pondicherry's Government Law College; (3. Power, effectuation) by Sri S. Sankarnarayanan, Madras, the executive director and secretary of Ashok Leyland, Ltd., and a sanskrit and tantric scholar and Sri P. N. Luthra of New Delhi, retired secretary, Ministry of Education, Social Welfare and Culture, Government of India, and chief administrator of the Bangladesh refugee relief operation, 1971-72; (4. Knowledge development of consciousness) by Dr. Theodore L. Kneupper, professor of philosophy, Slippery Rock State College, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. and Mr. David Wickenden, who works with children in the educational system of Auroville. The sessions brought about a close and sustained contact between many different viewpoints, resulting in a stimulating, sometimes dramatic, and fruitful and widening experience.

In both the opening keynote address and the closing synthesis of the seminar, the chairman Sri M. P. Pandit moved through the four aspects of The Next Future quickly and profoundly essaying their streams into the future out of the twelve hours of seminar discussion and delegates' participation. For service, perfection in work he foresaw a change from work done for money to purchase joy, to work done for the joy of expression and development of oneself, of perfection in its own terms. The signs of service towards the larger good are becoming evident in agriculture's ecologically considerate movement of organic farming, in the growing use of person-centred intermediate technology and the beginning adjustments of larger technologies to the harmony of nature, in the shift from disease and short-reaching specialisation in medicine to the focus on health and the integration of several medical systems in treating the whole person inexpensively.

In harmony, order, he keynoted the discussion by observing that the age of law and order is passing into the age of harmony, and summed up the seminar in reporting that the uniformity of order was only part of the diversity existing in the larger, higher sweep of harmony. Examples of this new dispensation crowded the seminar discussions, such as the change now developing in law from adversary relationships between parties in court to the growth of conciliatory relationships where, instead of punishment, something good for everyone is worked out.

Power, effectuation will change he declared, from its customary raw use to a use determined by the consciousness which directs it. It will be a sharing of power *with*, not a use of power *over* or *against*; the age of centralisation has died to the emerging age of decentralisation, competition will pass more and more decisively to cooperation in politics, economics, communications. It is the time for transformation of collective humanity, not any longer for the salvation of individuals.

Sri Pandit last summated knowledge, development of consciousness, and saw there the impact of the development away from specialisation into wide, global, even universal knowledge as a result of the coming universalisation of human consciousness. There was some question in the seminar about the reality of the new consciousness, but out of that came a wave of interest in its implementation, an implementation of the new and unifying in any field, any philosophy, any yoga, science, religion, system of education, any psycho-

logy. It is no longer a question of simply going beyond a label or dogma, but of stepping away from the past so the universal consciousness can fully flow into our lives. For it is not the superconscious that is next before us — that would be too large a step now — but the naturally dawning cosmic life, the universal person.

During the first evening of The Next Future, participants were led to a temple pond and coconut grove where, across the water under a large, illumined neem tree, Sri Tublu played Indian flute music with accompanying musicians in an unforgettable beauty. Dozens of tiny, open-flame oil lamps framing the pond disclosed the tree's reflection. The second evening brought conferees around Sri Aurobindo's and the Mother's samadhi for a fifteen minute meditation at the centre of the Ashram. The last evening on the 10th featured a programme of spontaneous spiritual dances by Mr. Rolf Gelewski, a noted dancer from Brazil, who was also a participant in the seminar. His dances, showing the seemingly endless diversity of simplicity, were a genuine evocation of The Next Future.

It was absorbing to see that the delegate audience's questions and statements at various intervals showed them to be at one with (and sometimes ahead of) the seminar group. Altogether the conference was a concrete instance of the meeting of East and West, and the sparks flinted by their encounter grew, by the time of the final integration session, into a fire of warmth that, for a few sure, velvet moments, melted outer individual barriers into an allness of unity.

Impressions of the conference :

Sri Alexander Brodt, who was a member of the Study Group of World Union on the subject: "The Next Future" and took active interest in the preparation and proceedings of the Conference, has given his impressions as below:

World Union is not merely an institution, it is a movement—a unifying movement of consciousness which seeks to realise the oneness of the inner and outer worlds as the true base of manifold self-expression, the multiple play of our infinite existence. For the Fifth Triennial Conference this meant that, if it was to be a living expression of the soul of World Union International, it had also to be not merely a conference, but a movement welling out from the fountain of unity within us, one using words as a vehicle to transcend words. Mother told us: "No words, acts!" But in a conference, words are the acts and speech becomes the means to express and serve the truth and to lead towards it. Therefore, those who know the spirit of World Union expected the conference to add another dimension to the usual proceedings of a seminar.

Was the conference a success? Definitely, yes. Yes, not because everything was at its present possible best, or because the conference managed to expose the next future in the field of immense vastness—namely, the whole of human life, all aspects of its culture—that it undertook to explore. Yes, because, whatever the deficiencies of all who participated and collaborated in this undertaking, the spirit of unity was present, struggling with the resistances it met, emerging step by step and, as I felt, lighting a true flame in all those who were receptive during the final culmination of the conference. There was a progression from a multiform, unrelated assembly towards an increasing order, clarity and harmony. And this

we will all testify to, that whatever opinions were expressed, they were sincerely held; apprehensions were courageously uttered and small minorities openly proclaimed their view points, however different these may have been from those of the majority.

The conference was intended to educate all participants with regard to the true meaning of the next future, and it was to show in its unfolding what the true education of the next future will be — as the latin root, *exducere*, to lead out, signifies: a penetrating into the depths where we not only understand, but experience and therefore know; and a bringing to the forefront that inner being within us where World Union is a living fact. And so the seminar unfolded around the theme of experience and practice. What are our experiences of the next future? What should we practice in order to shape the best possible next future? In terms of the four phases of the seminar—service, perfection in work; harmony, order; power effectuation; knowledge, development of consciousness—the following recapitulates the essence of the proposed answers: We must serve our greatest ideals as sincerely and perfectly as possible. We must seek that most plastic and integral harmony which reconciles all opposites, and order our lives according to this all inclusive archetype. We must reject the powers of the past and collaborate with all the movements which carry the powers of the future. We must develop our consciousness so that we can open ourselves to that knowledge of the Truth which will enable us to have the vision of the true powers, the vast harmonies, the right service of the future.

A remark which went straight to the point of the next future and summed up the heart of the World Union International Fifth Triennial Conference, was uttered by His Excellency, B. T. Kulkarni, Lt. Governor of Pondicherry, in his inaugural address. Sri Kulkarni said: "The future is the point added to the present, and the present is the point added to the past. What we have done in the past has determined the present, how we act today conditions the tomorrow. Therefore, more important than what we speak about at the Conference is what we have done between the last conference and this one, and what we will do between this and the next one." This is what had been evolving all along, until it finally manifested with full intensity in the concluding session. There was a growing aspiration for unity in the next future, a strengthened resolution to seek more one-pointedly for union and to mould one's whole life from the loving center of oneness that resides in the heart of all.

World Council :

The fifth Triennial World Council meeting was held at Pondicherry at the Ashram Theatre at 5. 00 p. m. on 9th January 1977 under the Chairmanship of Sri M. P. Pandit. Sri A. B. Patel, the General Secretary, during the course of his opening remarks, said "the financial position of World Union International Centre cannot be considered sound. We are unable to finance tours of our representatives to go around the world to spread the aims and ideals of World Union and are unable to provide our own building where we can have our own offices, auditorium, committee rooms and guest house, so that we can provide a good library and reading room, meditation room, for the workers of World Union and a place for our guests to stay. In the very near future we propose to issue an appeal to all our members and friends to help us in this direction".

World Union Building Fund :

As a result of these observations we have received an encouraging response from four members who have contributed to World Union Building Fund as *under*:

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| 1. Prof. P. N. Driver
2001 St. Vincent Street
Poona 411001 (Maharashtra) | Rs. 500 - 00 |
| 2. Prof. M. Ambady Narayanan
21-A Perumal Koil Street
Pondicherry 605001 | Rs. 500 - 00 |
| 3. A. B. Patel
World Union
Pondicherry 605002 | Rs. 501 - 00 |
| 4. Dr. Kamooben Patel
Sri Aurobindo Ashram
Pondicherry 605002 | Rs. 251 - 00 |

As this response is encouraging we hereby issue an appeal to all our members and friends to contribute generously to the World Union Building Fund, very urgently necessary. We had, previously received, voluntary donations for World Union Building Fund totalling Rs. 8622/57. With the above said four sums the total is now Rs. 10,374/57. All future receipts will be acknowledged in these columns.

Collaboration with other Organisations :

It was pointed out to the meeting of the World Union Council that the work done by the various non-governmental organisations for world unity has not yet made the necessary impact on world affairs or on the minds of world leaders for the realisation of the ideals of human unity and world peace, through these ideas and ideals do necessarily float in the atmosphere of the world and lodge in the minds of men. Consequently the most important work which World Union can undertake in the near future is to attempt to bring various non-governmental organisations with common aims into full collaboration through coming together on common platforms periodically in order to pull together their financial and manpower resources and combine their efforts for influencing world events towards higher goals.

Executive Committee

The new Executive Committee for the years 1977, 1978 and 1979 was elected. Following are the names of the office bearers and members of the new committee.

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Coordinators for Regions of India :

The World Council appointed four Coordinators of World Union. Sri Samar Basu, 24 Haranathpur Road, P.O. Bhadrakali 712232, Dt. Hooghly, (West Bengal), was appointed as Coordinator for Eastern Region; Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, B-23, Sector 'A', Mahanagar, Lucknow 226006 (U.P.) for Northern Region; Sri D. Ramachandra Rao, 5-B Santosh Nagar Colony, Saidabad, Hyderabad 500659 (A.P.) for Southern Region and Mrs. Kamalini Bedekar, 61/39 Pinakee Bungalow, Erandavana, Poona 411004 (Maharashtra) for Western Region. The General Secretary was authorised to consult members in the far Eastern Region of India, namely Meghalaya, Assam, Tripura, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Arunachala and to appoint a Coordinator for that Region of India.

Organisational Activities :

As organisational activities could not be published in December 1976 and January 1977, it is rather late to publish some of them. Therefore the same will be referred very briefly.

World Union Centres

Bombay Under the joint auspices of Sri Aurobindo Society, World Union, Lions Club, the Progressive Group, Friends of Yoga Society, Sanctuary of Peace and Harmony and Lions Club of Cumballa Hill Sri Manoj Das of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, delivered four talks on Sri Aurobindo's "Savitri" from 26.10.76 to 29.10.76 at Sydenham College Hall, Church Gate, Bombay. The talks were very well attended.

Lucknow The Centre observed United Nations Day on October 30, 1976. Sri S. K. Dwivedi and Smt. Rama Shukla addressed the meeting of the students at B.S.N.V. Degree College and emphasised the need for international understanding and cooperation among the nations of the world. Dr. S. R. Jayaswal addressed another group of students in the Lucknow University and explained the need for human unity vis-a-vis world peace and security as well as development of science and technology on a global basis.

Chaibasa Chaibasa Centre held a special meeting on 12th December '76 at 9.30 a.m. at the premises of the Centre on the occasion of the transfer of Sri Saroj Kanti Deb to Jamshedpur. Smt. Padmaja Sen has taken charge as the Secretary. The meeting commenced with a brief meditation and a few passages were read out from the writings of the Mother. The meeting ended after the charge as Secretary was handed over to Smt. Padmaja Sen.

Konnagar At the Centre's monthly meeting on 25.9.76 on the occasion of the celebration of the Teachers' Day the pattern of education conceived by Sri Aurobindo and

the Mother was the subject of a talk by Sri Samar Basu. This was followed by a dance drama "Keno Eai Ma" by the artists of the Konnagar Centre.

1st October, 1976 was observed by the Children's Wing as "Maha Austomi". The programme commenced with a song by Kumari Somapti Das a member, of the Children Wing. After a group concentration, 'Durga Stotra' was read by a member and the children repeated it. The meeting ended with a song.

Konnagar Centre held a meeting on 24.11.76 at the premises of Sri Satyendranath Chaudhuri, when Sri Basudev Samanta explained the significance of Sri Aurobindo's "Purna Siddhi". On 27.11.76 Sri Samar Basu spoke on the same subject.

The Konnagar Centre held a meeting on 28th Nov'76 when its Executive Committee was reconstituted with Sri Monishi Prosad Guha as Chairman, Sri Ashit Chakravarti as Secretary, Sri Narayan Das as Assistant Secretary, and Sri Madhusudan Sinha as Treasurer. There was also a monthly meeting on 25th December'76 when Sri Samar Basu spoke on "Sri Aurobindo's Yoga and the Modern Society" and dwelt at length on the activities of politicians, scientists and social workers of various organisations for promoting unity of mankind. He mentioned several international events to show that the spirit of cooperation was growing rapidly and tendency for confrontation was diminishing.

Butwal Butwal Centre held its weekly meetings on 20th and 27th November 1977. The former meeting had to be postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. The second meeting held at the residence of Sri I. M. Mal, Secretary, World Union Butwal Centre, commenced with a meditation for a few minutes. The Secretary explained the aims and spirit behind World Union and stated that the first duty of each member is to awaken his consciousness to identify himself with entire mankind. Sincerity and perseverance were necessary for self awakening. He also emphasised the need to take care of children so that they progress in the direction of self awareness and awakening. Sri S. M. Bhende, the President of the Centre, expressed his joy over good attendance and over the instructive talk of Sri Mal. Sri Bhende explained to the meeting the meaning of Kundalini.

There were also weekly meetings on 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th Dec'76. Each meeting commenced with silence and meditation for a few minutes. In the first meeting the President Sri S.M. Bhende spoke on the need of meditation and contemplation and how thought-force can help the progress of man. In a later meeting the President expressed concern over the lack of interest shown by some members.

Shillong The Centre held its monthly meeting on 7.11.76. A number of philanthropists and educationists of Shillong and Meghalaya attended the meeting. The topic for consideration was "Socio-Cultural and Religious Barriers to National Integration—in the Light of Sri Aurobindo". Sri B.B. Dam, Dr. D. P. Mukherjee of Anthropological Survey of India, Shillong and Sri N. Saha spoke on the occasion. The meeting ended with a devotional song and meditation.

Bangalore The Centre held a meeting on 7th October'76 when Sri Haneef Jawaid delivered a talk on "The Role of International Court of Justice in Promoting World Unity". Sri Jawaid drew attention of the meeting to the past and present of the world and the reasons why there is no world unity. He affirmed that the world has never been one. It has always

been disunited, dis-integrated and decentralised. World Unity was not even contemplated. With Industrial development, increase in means of communication and scientific and technological developments the world has shrunk and become closely interlinked. He traced the modern development leading to the formation of nations. He then traced circumstances leading to the constitution of the League of Nations, International Court of Justice and later to the formation of the U. N. O. He started that if there has to be a world order, national states must be willing to surrender a part of their sovereignty and to accept International Law and strengthen it. The habit of submitting unresolved disputes to impartial tribunals is a necessary step for promoting world unity.

World Union Bangalore Centre also held a well attended meeting on 5th December, 1975 when Prof. M. G. Narasimha Swamy delivered a lecture on "Population and Law". He said that the Government of India [has unsuccessfully tried population control with the encouragement of brahmacharya, the power of propaganda, the offering of incentives, and must now use that most effective means of social change, the law itself; otherwise unchecked growth will lead through anarchy to something far more stringent than legal discipline: totalitarianism. Further, law and other social controls like morality and religion were never viewed separately in India, so legal coercion can be seen as desirable. With the necessary support of social attitudes—which family planning now has—coercive law may eventually be supplanted by enabling law as the quality of life improves.

On the same day one of the founder members of World Union Bangalore Centre Sri Mir Iqbal Hussain was honoured by the World Union Bangalore Centre on his being conferred with the Rajayoteswa Award for outstanding social service and service in sport by the Government of the Karnataka State.

The India Centre of World Union, Bangalore organised the third session of the Seminar on "National Integration—Means and Methods" on 28-11-76 at the Karnataka Arya Vysya Mahasabha Hall, Bangalore. The discussions were interesting and illuminating. On the 14th November '76 local members of the Central Council and Office-bearers of the Bangalore Centre met at a breakfast. Sri N. S. Rao of Bombay participated. A very useful discussion on "National Integration" took place and practical aspects priorities were considered.

Calcutta The Centre had a monthly meeting on 21.8.76 at 26-E Turf Road, Calcutta, Sri Lakshmi Narayan Dutta presiding. Almost all the members were busy with the organisation work in connection with the celebration of the World Union Day at Sodepur on 22.8.76 in which all the Centres of West Bengal had participated. The meeting had expressed deep sorrow over the demise of the father of Sri Madan Mohan Chandra, a member of the Centre and an Assistant Secretary of the World Union Cultural and Economic Council, and had conveyed sympathy and condolence to Sri Madan Mohan Chandra and other members of the family.

After meditation for five minutes Sri Dutta explained the significance and importance of the World Union movement.

The monthly meeting of September was held on 18.9.76 with Sri L. N. Dutta as Chairman. After a meditation for five minutes Sri L. N. Dutta initiated the discussion on the importance

and significance of the Fifth Triennial Conference on "The Next Future" and also on the dream of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother for human unity, world peace, material and spiritual progress and the upliftment of all people. Sri Samiran Kumar Ghosh, the Secretary of the Centre, spoke on the main topics of the Fifth Triennial Conference "The Next Future": (i) Service and perfection in work. (ii) Harmony and order. (iii) Power effectuation. (iv) Knowledge and development of consciousness. Sri Madan Mohan Chandra participated in the discussion and spoke mainly on ecological and sociological problems.

The meeting unanimously recommended the names of L. N. Dutta, Chairman of the Calcutta Centre, and of Sri Samiran Kumar Ghosh as members of the World Council of World Union.

North Calcutta The Centre arranged 'Meet Together' on 31.10.76 at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Calcutta. The first session of the meeting was presided over by Dr. G. R. Mitra of Asansol Centre, Smt. Debani Basu sang devotional songs and Sri Sujit Kumar Palit read a few hymns from the Upanishads followed by a collective meditation. Sri Ravi Ghosh sang "Gurudeva-Bandana". S. Kumari Ranu Das of North Calcutta Centre, Smt. Shampa Bhattacharji of Uttarpara Centre participated in oration on "Sri Aurobindo Sadhani Byasti O Samasti, and Sri Aurobindo and sister Nivedita". Sri Samar Basu concluded the symposium with brief and befitting comments summarising what the students had said. The first session terminated with the song of Smt. Kheyali Ghosh at about 1.00 p.m.

The second session began at 2.00 p.m. under the Chairmanship of Sri Samar Basu. Sri Robi Ghosh opened the session with devotional songs. Sri Sujit Kumar Palit, Smt. Krishna Sinha, Smt. Mira Mukherjee and Sri T. K. Sinha read out their own respective verses. At the instance of Sri Samar Basu Dr. G. R. Mitra spoke briefly about the purpose of such a 'Meet Together' in the World Union movement. He congratulated the members of the North Calcutta Centre for organising the 'Meet Together' and for its success. Thereafter the Centre's choral group presented a musical programme consisting of songs of eminent composers. Sri Hemendra Nath Kar, Sri Samir Sarkar, Sri Kalyani Roy, Smt. Anita Bose, Smt. Debayani Basu, Smt. Sati Das, Smt. Ranu Das, Smt. Kalyani Kar, Smt. Ratna Basu, Kumari Rupali Basu (with songs), Sri Biren De (with violin) Sri Kartik Laha (with tabla) and Sri Gour Mohan Chatterji participated in the performance. This was an inspiring and thrilling programme. The meeting terminated at 4.00 p.m. with the chanting of selected hymns from the Upanishads by Sujit Kumar Palit along with group concentration.

The Centre also held its 31st monthly meeting on 20.10.76, Sri Susanto Mittra presiding. It commenced at 7.00 p.m. with devotional songs by Sri Hemendra Nath Kar followed by group concentration with the Mother's music. Sri Sujit Kumar Palit read a few selected hymns from the Upanishads and in his inaugural address he spoke briefly about the activities of the Centre. Sri Samar Basu delivered the last instalment of his speech on "Youth and Spiritual Regeneration of India" and reiterated that youth in general must take the next step forward towards a spiritual age. Smt. Ranu Das, a teenager read out her self-written article "Sri Aurobindo Sadhanai Byasti O Samasti" (individual and collectivity in Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana). The choral group of the Centre presented a musical programme with a commentary. Sri Hemendra Nath Kar, Smt. Anita Basu, Smt. Devarani Basu, Smt. Sati Das, Smt. Ranu Das,

Smt. Ratna Basu, Smt. Kalyani Kar, Smt. Krishna Dutta and Kumari Rupali Basu participated. The meeting concluded with a prayer along with a group concentration.

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World Union Regional Centre of West Bengal The Centre decided in a meeting held on 27.10.76 to publish a bi-lingual quarterly journal and appointed for it a sub-committee consisting of (i) Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya and Sri Samar Basu as joint editors (ii) Sri T. K. Sinha (printer and publisher) and (iii) Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Sri Sujit Kumar Palit, Sri Samiran Ghosh, Sri L. N. Dutta, as members. The journal is meant to popularise the World Union movement and to integrate the work of various Centres. In the first meeting of the sub-committee held on 16.11.76 it was decided to release the first issue of the journal in January 1977.

World Union West Bengal Eastern Region held its 39th Seminar on 13th November 1976 at the hall of Amarendra Vidyapeth when S. K. Gupta presided. Kumari Shampa Bhattacharji spoke on "Sister Nivedita and Sri Aurobindo". She explained the revolutionary role of Sister Nivedita and Sri Aurobindo in the freedom movement of India and mentioned that Sister Nivedita came from the west. Sriman Shymal Kumar Chatterji read out his poem on Vidyasagar, the great social reformer of Bengal. Thereafter Sri Samar Basu spoke on the content of world unity as elaborated by Sri Rohit Mehta in the Fourth Triennial Conference held in December, 1973. It was also resolved that the members do observe in a befitting manner the golden jubilee celebration of the Master's "Maha Siddhi" on 24th November '76.

Uttarpara & Konnagar The members of the World Union Centres of Uttarpara and Konnagar celebrated the 32nd foundation day of the United Nations Organisation on 24.10.76 at the Uttarpara Jai Krishna Public Library Hall at 4.30 p. m. Student members of different World Union Centres in West Bengal conducted a symposium on "Loyalty to the Family vis-a-vis Loyalty to Humanity". In the course of discussion Kumari Nabanita and Banani of Uttarpara Centre, Sriman Ashim of Konnagar Centre and Diptendu Sekhar of Chinsurah Centre elaborated the development of universal mind through an ever increasing group life. They also explained the significance of U. N. O. and how it can fulfil the hopes of mankind by overcoming the stumbling blocks mentioned by Sri Aurobindo in his book "The Ideal of Human unity". The symposium was conducted by Kumari Shampa Bhattacharji of Uttarpara Centre. Prof. Chittaranjan Basistha, Principal Burdwan Raj College presided. Members of Baranagore, Chandernagore, North Calcutta, New Alipur and many professors and students

of the area attended the function.

Nanjangud The Centre celebrated U. N. Day on 25th October '76 at Hotel Dvaraka. Dr. B. V. Krishnamurthy former economic adviser to Saudi Arabia and U. N. Consultant was the speaker, Prof. K. S. Vishwanathan presiding, Dr. Krishnamurthy gave a talk on the U. N. and he was asked several questions which he answered. It was an illuminating and informative talk. U. N. photographs were displayed on the occasion.

Asansol The Centre celebrated Children's Day on 14th Nov '76 at 3.45 p. m. in the premises of Sri Aurobindo Society, Asansol Centre when Sri Samar Basu spoke on "The Next Future"—in the eyes of Seer-Prophet Sri Aurobindo.

Alipur The Centre held regular monthly meetings and meditation and prayers with readings from Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. At the October meeting the members discussed the descent of consciousness in the process of involution. Dr. S. Mukherjee discussed how the supreme consciousness came down gradually step by step to the inconscient. This was illustrated diagrammatically explaining the different levels of consciousness in between. In November Dr. Mukherjee discussed the ascent of consciousness in the process of evolution. In December '76 Dr. Mukherjee explained diagrammatically how we attain the inner consciousness in meditation. It was made clear that the real aim of life is not to attain the material prosperity as such but to realise the inner Divinity, to unite with it and to manifest it in our outward life.

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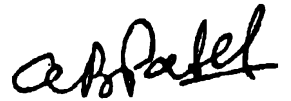
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WORLD UNION

FOCUS 3/77

TOWARDS A NEW WORLD ORDER

*A new world based on truth and refusing
the old slavery to falsehood, wants to take
birth. In all countries there are people who
know it, at least feel it. To them we call:
Will you collaborate?*

the Mother

APPROACHING WORLDWIDE MEETINGS

During June and July of 1977, several meetings convened by non-governmental organisations interested in the formation of global government and/or global community will be held in Innsbruck, Austria, and Paris; their deliberations and conclusions will greatly help in awakening the inhabitants of this planet earth to the need of a new world order. The aims of all these organisations are for the realisation of a world government, a world community, or some form of workable world order.

World Constituent Assembly

World Constitution and Parliament Association of the U.S.A. is organising the World Constituent Assembly in Innsbruck, Austria during 16-29 June, to draft a constitution for the Federation of Earth. Delegates from many countries will participate in the assembly and some members of World Union plan to attend it as delegates. We have given information of this World Constituent Assembly in a recent "FOCUS", but we wish to add here that this is a reminder to all concerned that there are persons in the world, though yet small in number, who are thinking in terms of world union or world government to resolve the problems which face humanity, and who believe that unless these problems are solved satisfactorily humankind may face a dangerous, if not catastrophic situation in a not very distant future. There are many thinkers and writers around the world who genuinely believe there is little time left to bring about a satisfactory world order which will govern relations between nations, prevent wars and armament races, and help in the creation of a new world economic order without which the international situation is likely to remain explosive.

Among the items of the agenda of the World Constituent Assembly, these figure: (a) world constitution, (b) ratification campaign, (c) world parliament preparations, (d) provisional world government, (e) proposed legislation on world problems. Prominent persons

interested in a world order or a world government drawn from many countries of the earth will participate in one or more of these items according to their choice.

World Citizens Assembly

The second session of the World Citizens Assembly will meet at Innsbruck from June 25th-29th to pursue the task begun at its first session in San Francisco in June 1975, namely "to build a world community". The declaration of interdependence, which was written and approved by the assembly then concluded with this sentence: "We the united peoples of the world have resolved to combine our efforts, form a movement to unite the people of the world, elect delegates to a world assembly and establish world institutions that give the people of the world control of their own destiny". At Innsbruck its workshops will consider the subject: "What New Institutions Need To Be Created?" These workshops will be concurrent and sometimes combined with relevant sections of the World Constituent Assembly. Immediately after 29 June workshops will meet in Paris from July 1st to 5th and will consider the assignment: "What Old Institutions Need to Be Changed or Abolished?" These are being planned in cooperation with the World Association of World Federalists and other non-governmental organisations.

To build a world community the topics to be considered are: (i) To stop the arms race. (ii) To meet basic human needs and preserve the environment. (iii) To promote education for world community and citizenship. (iv) (a) To develop supra-national and global institutions - Constituent Assembly- Peoples' Congress--Constitution for Federation of Earth. (b) To create a framework for ongoing action and cooperation among the organisations working for a world community.

World Federalists Congress

The seventeenth Congress of the World Association of World Federalists will also meet in Paris in 1977—from July 3rd to 8th. Its main subject is "Towards A New World Economic Order", and for that the topics at the study sessions will be: (i) To stop the arms race. (ii) Population and housing. Ecology and the environment. (iii) Trade and development. Food and poverty. (iv) World community and human rights. (v) Ideologies and power-structures. (vi) Regional structures, world institutions.

Public Meeting in Paris

On July 5, 1977, a public meeting will be organised by the World Citizens and the Committee for the Peoples' Congress with the World Association of World Federalists, World Citizens Assembly, World Constitution and Parliament Association, Committee for a World Federal Authority, Permanent Muncialist Committee with eighteen non-governmental organisations, International Women's Organisation, and other non-governmental organisations. This will be a splendid opportunity for all of these associations to harmonise their work and activities on a common platform to collaborate in bringing about a world community and world order.

Peoples Congress

One of the primary aims of the International Registry of World citizens of Paris, started

by thirteen prominent and well-known persons of the world, is to constitute a Peoples Congress based on the elections of World Citizens, electing two members every two years. This organisation was featured in an earlier "Focus".

World Citizens believe it is necessary to build a world parliament whose delegates, elected trans-nationally, will assume power and authority in order to make planetary laws and show the path that the United Nations must follow.

Many reasons are given for originating a Peoples Congress rather than relying on existing institutions. One of them is that nations, even the most powerful of them, have no right and even no means, to settle the destiny of the whole of mankind. Another is that institutions attending to world-wide problems, like the United Nations and its specialised agencies, cannot act efficiently enough, for they derive their power from a gathering of national governments more concerned with their own private interests than with the "world commonweal".

So far ten members of this congress have been elected and further elections will take place in the future.

These ten delegates, democratically elected by an electoral body of more than 50,000 persons in which many world organisations took part in 105 countries, will be presented at the gathering in July.

The meetings at Paris will show to all the world that although world organisations have different modes of action they pursue the same goal: to put forward a new, efficient political structure other than that of the present nation states, rivalries of which can only lead humanity towards destruction.

Due to the help of Rector Robert Mallet, chancellor of the Universities of Paris and chairman of the Permanent Mundialist Committee, the Congress will be held in the Sorbonne, a leading centre for world, or Mundialist views.

PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPECIAL MESSAGE

It appears that the world is moving slowly but steadily towards a closer understanding between nations and the leaders of the national states. It also appears that the ideal of human unity is pressing upon human minds for manifestation in the earth's life. In support of this we here publish President Carter's special international inaugural message given by him on 20th January 1977, when he was inaugurated as President.

I have chosen the occasion of my inauguration as President to speak not only to my own countrymen—which is traditional—but also to you, citizens of the world who did not participate in our election but who will nevertheless be affected by my decisions.

I also believe that as friends you are entitled to know how the power and influence of the United States will be exercised by its new government.

I want to assure you that the relations of the United States with the other countries and peoples of the world will be guided during our administration by our desire to shape a world order that is more responsive to human aspirations. The

United States will meet its obligation to help create a stable, just, and peaceful world order.

We will not seek to dominate nor dictate to others. As we Americans have concluded one chapter in our nation's history and are beginning to work on another, we have, I believe, acquired a more mature perspective on the problems of the world. It is a perspective which recognizes the fact that we alone do not have all the answers to the world's problems.

The United States alone cannot lift from the world the terrifying spector of nuclear destruction. We can and will work with others to do so.

The United States alone cannot guarantee the basic right of every human being to be free of poverty and hunger and disease and political repression. We can and will cooperate with others in combating these enemies of mankind.

The United States alone cannot insure an equitable development of the world's resources or the proper safeguarding of the world's environment. But we can and will join with others in this work.

The United States can and will take the lead in such efforts.

In these endeavours we need your help, and we offer ours.

We need your experience.

We need your wisdom:

We need your active participation in a joint effort to move the reality of the world closer to the ideals of human freedom and dignity.

As friends, you can depend on the United States to be in the forefront of the search for world peace. You can depend on the United States to remain steadfast in its commitment to human freedom and liberty. And you can also depend on the United States to be sensitive to your own concerns and aspirations, to welcome your advice, to do its utmost to resolve international differences in a spirit of co-operation.

The problems of the world will not be easily resolved. Yet the well being of each and every one of us—indeed our mutual survival—depends on their resolution. As President of the United States I can assure you that we intend to do our part. I ask you to join us in a common effort based on mutual trust and mutual respect.

SRI AUROBINDO'S ACTION CENTRE IN THE UNITED STATES

Sri Aurobindo's Action Centre and Auroville Association, dedicated to the evolutionary vision of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, have been organised by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Spanier and friends, the mailing address is P. O. Box 1977, Boulder, Colorado 80306, U.S.A., telephone 303-447-0982.

The Centre began to issue a newsletter from January 1977. We have received copies of the January and February issues, in which we find support for the World Union movement. They state that Joseph Spanier was an active participant at the World Union International Conference on "The Next Future", held at Sri Aurobindo Ashram Pondicherry during

January, and that many groups and individuals representing New Age thought around the world were involved. Dr. Spanier and Dr. Breese-Whiting, they report, were elected to the executive committee of World Union as the two American representatives.

In order to make clear what the movement is, the January issue declares that World Union,

a non-profit, non-political movement, for unity and progress on a spiritual foundation, believes that the ordinary humanitarian or religious outlook and motivation are inadequate to meet the demands of the current world crisis. To usher in the new age, our spiritual development must match our scientific and technological achievements. Mankind must realise that all life is one and that unity is already a fact, which must be manifested on every level to achieve integral fulfilment.

In the February issue, it is stated that World Union

lays emphasis on the fact that unity, wholeness, is a basic truth of life—in fact of all existence—and that life can be lived most fully through an increasing awareness of this truth. We must recognise that the time has come to develop loyalty to the world as we have heretofore developed loyalty to the family and to the nation.

The newsletters follow up with information about the forthcoming visit of our chairman, Sri M. P. Pandit, to the United States, revealing that he will be in their Boulder, Colorado area for talks and meetings during 10-16 April this spring.

Finally, they offer membership. This extract is taken from the January newsletter: “we invite you to become a member of World Union which includes a subscription to the monthly journal” *World Union*. Please write to the Centre for further information”.

ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Uttarpara World Union Uttarpara Centre held its 41st monthly meeting on 29th January at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith, Uttarpara, Sri S. K. Gupta presiding. The meeting commenced at 6.15 p.m. after a devotional song by Sri Sanat Bodok and group concentration for three minutes. Sri N. K. Roy, Sri P. K. Banerjee, Sri S. N. Nag and Sri S. K. Gupta who attended the World Union fifth triennial conference as delegates from Uttarpara Centre placed a report before the meeting elucidating the proceedings of the conference's seminar and how the same was conducted at Pondicherry in January. Thereafter, Sri Samar Basu, a participant in the seminar, summed up the discussions and mentioned the integrated statement which was appreciated by all the members present. The report of the conference enthused all concerned. The meeting ended with a devotional song by Sri S. K. Bodok. It was resolved to convene the 42nd monthly meeting on 12 February with the subject: “Sri Ramkrishna, Swami Vivekananda and Subhash Chandra on the Coming of the New Age”.

Lucknow World Union U.P. Centre held a meeting 31 January presided over by Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, when papers pertaining to the main religions of India were presented by some students at Mahila Mahavidyalaya (Women's Degree College), Lucknow. Dr. K. Sabbarwal, Sri Ram Pravesh Shastri, Sri Radhey Shyam Yogi and Dr. Jayaswal participated

In this programme. Dr. Jayaswal encouraged the students to find unity in diversity and try to follow the path of truth. He pointed out that all religions stood for truth, justice, harmony and cooperation. Sri Ram Pravesh Shastri urged the students to find an answer to the question as to why there were so many religions preaching the same truth. Dr. Sabbarwal, the principal of the college, explained the real meaning and purpose of religion in life and emphasised the need for a spiritual approach. At the end of the meeting prizes were awarded to the students who had presented papers.

Calcutta World Union Calcutta Centre held its monthly meeting on 28th November 1976 at 26-E Turf Road, Calcutta, with Sri Arun Kishore Mukherjee as chairman. After meditation for five minutes Sri Arun Kishore Mukherjee introduced the subject and explained the significance of yoga with particular reference to its scientific basis which had been admitted by the modern world. He also explained the curing and healing effects of yoga. Sri Jagdish Chandra Saha spoke on the very significant and important role played by yoga in the international sphere. He cited examples of disease—like skin, heart, and digestive troubles—found cured by the process of yoga. Yoga also helped to keep the body and mind perfect and active.

Sri Saha spoke also on Indian culture and on the importance of Indian womanhood, citing the vital part played by her as mother, wife and sister in Indian society in the past and in the present. He emphasised that the root cause of the present day degeneration and degradation in society was individuals' omission to observe and follow strictly the good and beneficial rules, codes of conduct and practices laid down by great sages and avatars like Sri Aurobindo, Ramkrishna, Buddha. He appealed to everyone to act with sincerity and honesty of purpose.

Sri Lakshman Narayan Dutta spoke about the project and activities under World Union Economic and Cultural Council and appealed to every member to actively associate with the same. The meeting was then entertained with songs by Sri Dharanath Chatterjee and Master Abhijit Dutta.

This Centre held its monthly meeting for December on the 24th, with Sri Arun Kishore Mukherjee as Chairman. The meeting commenced after meditation for five minutes. It was decided unanimously to start a young wing and a health Centre (Sri Aurobindo Relief Mission) including old age rest centres as early as possible.

Sri Aurobindo Siksha Samsad—Sri Samar Basu, the Secretary of Sri Aurobindo Siksha Samsad informs us that the members of the Samsad will hold the Third Teachers' Convention on Saturday the 26th February '77 at Deshbandhu Bani Mandir, Nalikeel, the headmaster of which institution is Sri Amlesh Chandra Majumdar. The Convention will conduct a Seminar on "True Education and the Role of Educators". Teachers of several institutions will take part in the Seminar. Sri P. K. Bhattacharya will preside over the Seminar.

World Union Building Fund

We are happy to inform our readers that Sri Surendra, the second son of Sri A. B. Patel, who has often looked after the administrative work of World Union during the absence of Sri A. B. Patel, has made a very generous gesture to World Union for its Building Fund. He has

given 1250 shares of Rs. 100-00 each in a limited liability company. The company is operating in Tamil Nadu with its registered office in Pondicherry. These shares are to be sold as early as possible in order to realise cash for the purpose of commencing the construction of the proposed building. We are now looking for a suitable piece of land for the building. The fund now stands as follows:

Acknowledged in the last Focus	Rs. 10,374.67
Donated by Surendra A. B. Patel	Rs. 125,000.00
Total	<u>Rs. 135,374.67</u>

We take this opportunity to appeal to all our members and friends to support the project of the proposed building by contributing generously to the fund.

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SRI AUROBINDO'S AND THE MOTHER'S WORK INCLUDES WORLD UNION

This is a mutable world and uncertainties and dangers might assail or trouble for a time; the formed structure [of a world-state federated from free nationalities] might be subjected to revolutionary tendencies as new ideas and forces emerged and produced their effect on the general mind of humanity, but the essential step would have been taken and the future of the race assured or at least the present era overpassed in which it is threatened and disturbed by unsolved needs and difficulties, precarious conditions, immense upheavals, huge and sanguinary world-wide conflicts and the threat of others to come. The ideal of human unity would be no longer an unfulfilled ideal but an accomplished fact and its preservation given into the charge of the united human peoples.

Sri Aurobindo

In the writings and teachings of Sri Aurobindo we find a unique knowledge not only of the basic issues concerning man's individual existence but of his social and political development as well. However, general attention has been drawn more to his writings of man's individual existence and individual growth than those about social or political development. If the collective life of humanity is to make rapid upward progress it is essential that these social and political writings receive adequate attention.

World Union is mainly concerned with the human race's social and political development; in particular, political evolution for the collective living of humanity. Sri Aurobindo has explained, in *The Ideal of Human Unity*, the goal to be aimed at and achieved, the historical background of various social, political, economic and other movements of the past, the formation of larger and larger human aggregates leading to national units, the forces at work and the various possibilities leading ultimately to human unity and the forms this unity may take.

In his message to the Indian nation on 15 August 1947, the birthday of free India, he refers to the world-movements which he had hoped to see fulfilled in his life time, (though then they looked like impracticable dreams) arriving at fruition or on their way to achieve-

1. "A Postscript Chapter". 1950; *The Ideal of Human Unity*, Sri Aurobindo Birth Centenary Edition, volume 15 (Pondicherry; Sri Aurobindo Ashram Trust, 1972), Page 571.

ment. In that message he states: "The third dream was a world-union forming the outer basis of a fairer, brighter and nobler life for all mankind. That unification of the human world is under way; there is an imperfect initiation organised but struggling against tremendous difficulties. But the momentum is there and it must inevitably increase and conquer A catastrophe may intervene and interrupt or destroy what is being done, but even then the final result is sure. For unification is a necessity of Nature, an inevitable movement. Its necessity for the nations is also clear, for without it the freedom of the small nations may be at any moment in peril and the life even of the large and powerful nations insecure. The unification is therefore to the interests of all, and only human imbecility and stupid selfishness can prevent it; but these cannot stand for ever against the necessity of Nature and the Divine Will. But an outward basis is not enough; there must grow up an international spirit and outlook, international forms and institutions must appear, perhaps such developments as dual or multilateral citizenship, willed interchange or voluntary fusion of cultures. Nationalism will have fulfilled itself and lost its militancy and would no longer find these things incompatible with self-preservation and the integrality of its outlook. A new spirit of oneness will take hold of the human race."

World Union attempts to work with an aspiration towards the ideals enunciated by Sri Aurobindo, and to do its best towards the realisation of his third dream of world union. In doing that work World Union seeks friendly contacts and cooperation with individuals and institutions around the planet who believe in implementing the ideal of human brotherhood, without which the ideals of equality and liberty cannot exist. Consequently, membership to World Union is open to all persons who believe in human unity and world peace on a spiritual foundation. We hope and trust that all those who aspire to do the work of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother in any field of life will remind themselves that Sri Aurobindo and the Mother belong to the whole earth, rather the whole universe, and not to their devotees only. And we wish to emphasise that World Union work is an aspect of Sri Aurobindo's and the Mother's work.

The most important work of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother is "a step in evolution which would raise man to higher and larger consciousness and begin the solution of the problems which have perplexed and vexed him since he first began to think and to dream of individual perfection and a perfect society." Once this writer had asked the Mother whether it is true that as for the individual inner peace and unity are the preconditions to spiritual growth, so for society the sense of oneness and peace are essential for its growth, and the Mother had replied that that is perfectly correct.

The work of World Union for the realisation of human unity and world peace on a spiritual basis is a preliminary condition to the raising of collective consciousness to a higher level. We welcome support from all spiritual aspirants of the integral yoga or otherwise in the fulfilment of these preliminary conditions.

For these reasons we gratefully mention the name of Sri Nolini Kanta Gupta, the secretary of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, who has not only been a member of World Union's executive committee since 1960 but who has consented to continue on the new executive committee elected on 9 January 1977 for a period of three years. We also fully appreciate

the presence at the inaugural session of the recent World Union conference of Sri P. Counouma, Sri Dyuman, Sri Champaklal, Sri Shyamsundar Jhunjhunwala, Sri Madanlal Himatsinghka and many others of Sri Aurobindo Ashram and Auroville; and participation in the conference seminar on 8, 9 and 10 January by Sri Medhananda, Yvonne Artaud, Sri Chaman Lal Gupta and others of the Ashram and Auroville.

We emphasise to all concerned with the message and teaching of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother that our work for them is one and indivisible, and that there is no room to divide the human race into "we and they" because all of us have to establish oneness and peace within our individual selves and then endeavour to establish peace and oneness in the world among all peoples, whether they accept, or are even aware of the name of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother or not.

We must remember that this endeavour is a step on the path of individual yoga. The Mother's message for the New Year 1973 was:

When you are conscious
of the whole world at the
same time, then you can
become conscious of the Divine.

In doing the work of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother undertaken by all of us—each of her children—in accord with his or her temperament, characteristics and need for progress, we hope and pray each one considers that his or her work is only one part of the work of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, and that all earnestly want to collaborate with each other so that their mighty work proceeds further with the support and cooperation of each of us.

MESSAGES TO THE NEXT FUTURE

Many messages of goodwill and best wishes for the success of the conference were received and read. These included messages from the late President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, Sri B. D. Jatti as Vice-President of India, the Director General of UNESCO and others. The message of Sri Nolini Kanta Gupta, who was described by Sri A. B. Patel as a philosopher, friend and guide of the Ashram, was read first. It was short and sweet. "Mother's blessings upon you all." The message of Mr. Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow, the Director General of UNESCO was read by Mr. V. G. Podoinitsin, the Director and UNESCO representative in New Delhi. We give extracts of it.

"May I, first of all, say how pleased I am to have this opportunity of sending my best wishes to the World Union for the success of its fifth international conference, and of expressing my whole-hearted support for the idea on which it is based, that of the unity of the human race.

"As I recently recalled in my introduction to *Moving Towards Change*, 'while the general concept of a "new international economic order" is now stimulating efforts and holding out hopes for the future, an enormous amount of work remains to be done if we are to see

more clearly what it implies, gauge the obstacles to be overcome, define the most effective practical steps to be taken and foresee their consequences and, above all, give the idea impetus for the future.¹

"As you may be aware, UNESCO's activities are, in fact, already geared to this task. This is why I should like to congratulate you on your choice of the four topics on which you are to focus your attention during this fifth international conference. I have no doubt that the results of your combined efforts will constitute a substantial contribution towards the introduction of a mental climate conducive to mankind's collective awareness of its solidarity and to the practical measures needed to make it a reality.

"I should like, at the outset of your work, to assure you of my unstinting support for your efforts to encourage the human race, in all its rich diversity of form and spirit, to think, feel and live as one."

ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Calcutta World Union Calcutta Centre held its monthly meeting on 31 January, 1977, Sri L. N. Datta, presiding. The meeting commenced with a meditation of five minutes and resolved that the arrangement for board and lodging for the delegates from Calcutta Centre to the fifth triennial conference were highly satisfactory. The points discussed in the seminar at Pondicherry relating to the next future were noted. The principles laid down by the conference and its deliberations were taken as guidelines for the future programme and activities of the Centre. It was recommended that special committees should be formed for working out the programme for putting into reality the ideas of the conference and that the Calcutta Centre should take up plans and programmes to start activities like social services, youth and student welfare, health care and medicine, small scale industries, education, cultural and literary activities, etc. It was decided to convey thanks of the Calcutta Centre to organisers of the conference, particularly to Sri M. P. Pandit and Sri A. B. Patel.

It was proposed by the Centre to organise and start a travel service unit on a non-profit basis for the purpose of promoting tourism and recreation excursions and developing health resorts and rest homes. This travel service is intended to provide ample opportunities of knowing and understanding the people living in different parts of India and to develop relations of friendship and understanding which will assist in the promotion of national integration.

It was also decided to celebrate Mother's centenary. The projects under World Union Cultural and Economic Council are to be taken up shortly and the members were asked to lend their support and cooperation to it.

At its meeting held on 25 February 1977 the Calcutta Centre decided unanimously to work very actively for the fulfilment and attainment of the objectives and goals of World Union and for the purpose to start working with the help and assistance of specific spe-

1. *Moving Towards Change*, UNESCO Publications, page 10.

cialised agencies or wings of the Centre to be constituted. It was decided unanimously to set up three agencies: (i) World Union Travel Services, (ii) World Union Centre for International Peace and Friendship, and (iii) World Union Centre for Economic Research and Development. The Centre has taken definite steps to organise these three agencies and in each case has appointed a member to carry out the projects. All the agencies would be "based on the fact of human unity realising the truth of the spirit" and would function in cooperation with all the World Union centres and other sister organisations in India and abroad. The Centre has decided that any monetary benefit or profit realised in the promotion of World Union activities will not be allowed to be used for any personal benefit or profit excepting the payment of normal remuneration, salaries and wages for the bonafide service rendered. Sri Arun Kishore Mukherjee will be the director-cum-secretary of the World Union Travel Services; Sri Jagdish Chandra Saha the director-cum-secretary of World Union Centre for International Peace and Friendship; and Sri Lakshmi Narayan Datta the director-cum-secretary for the World Union Centre for Economic Research and Development.

Uttarpara World Union Uttarpara Centre held its 42nd monthly seminar on 12 February 1977 at the library hall of Amarendu Vidyapith, Uttarpara. After paying homage to the departed soul of President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed by offering hymns from the Upanishads the seminar commenced at 6:15 p.m., Sri S. K. Gupta presiding. The subject of the seminar was: "Sri Ramkrishna, Swami Vivekananda, and Netaji Subhas on the Coming of the New Age". Dr. Sadananda Bhattacharya spoke on the sadhana of Sri Ramkrishna synthesising all religions into one Truth and explained its significance. He also explained the message of Sri Ramkrishna in regard to becoming free from all prejudices and blind, ignorant traditions. These teachings of Sri Ramkrishna were as preparation to understand the truth of the ensuing new age.

Sri N. K. Ray explained what Swami Vivekananda said in England in 1896 and asked the people to become "practical Vedantins". During a short life of thirty-nine years he built bridges between the East and West so that both could receive the new consciousness of the coming age.

Sri P. K. Bannerjee spoke on Netaji's "Tokyo Speech" and explained why Netaji asked the people of the East to build a strong united Asia. Sri Samar Basu concluded the seminar by giving an integrated statement of what was said.

On the 21st of February, members of the women's wing of this centre celebrated in a befitting manner the 99th birthday of the Mother at the lecture hall of Deshapriya Balika Vidyamandir at 7:00 p. m. The members explained the significance of Mother's descent into the human form and read poems and writings of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. Shampa Banani, Nabanita, Manika, Shyamasri, Atreyi, Chabit, Shymal and Sanat participated and Sri Samar Basu provided the running commentary.

The next seminar of the Centre will be held on 12 March 1977 on the subject: "Lord Chaitanya—His Doctrine of Love and Human Unity".

Butwal The Butwal Centre arranged a meeting on 15 January 1977 at the residence of Sri J. B. Dass. After a meditation for a few minutes a discussion was held on "How to

Maintain Peace in Day-to-day Life''. Sri S. N. Bhende emphasised that regular meditation and social service for the general benefit of the society are essential conditions.

Regular meetings of the Centre were held during February. The members of the Centre enthusiastically participated in a picnic initiated by Sri R. K. Sundaram which was arranged to promote national integration.

Bangalore In pursuance of the notice dated 21 February 1977, with which was circulated the 8th annual report of the Centre for 1976, the Bangalore World Union Centre held its 8th general meeting on 6 March 1977, Sri P. V. Rajagopal presiding. Audited accounts for the year 1976 and budget for the year 1977 were passed. The office-bearers and members of the working committee for the year 1977 were elected: Sri Srithandaveswara as president; Dr. T. Prasannasimha Rao and Sri M. Munivenkatappa as vice presidents; Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana and Sri H. S. Narayana Setty as secretaries; Sri H. K. Shantavearappa as treasurer; and Prof. K. V. Gundu Rao, Prof. M. V. Ramachandran, Sri M. Rama Rao, Prof. N. S. Govinda Rao, Sri P. V. Rajagopal, Sri B. Venkata Rao, Sri B. C. S. Narayan, Sri Haneef Jawaid and Smt. Bhuraneswari Ramaswamy as members. At the conclusion of the meeting Prof. M. V. Ramachandran moved the resolution congratulating the office-bearers for the year 1976 for the excellent work done during the year.

The 60th working committee of the Bangalore Centre met on 12 March 1977 to decide the programme of work for the year, Sri Srithandaveswara presiding. The meeting discussed the circular sent by World Union International Centre regarding the proposals to improve the working of World Union and the question of membership of World Union and the steps essential for spreading the message of World Union through other organisations. Two important projects were also discussed: (i) a national seminar bringing together leading exponents of various secular approaches to world unity, with World Union members promoting the inter-relationship and integration with a spiritual approach, and (ii) an educational society to run schools for children, starting one in Bangalore and later in other places providing for students' proper education and encouraging a global outlook. A sub-committee to go into details of these projects and to report back to the Centre will be constituted by the president. It was also decided that Sri Srithandaveswara, Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana and Sri N. S. Narayan Setty will represent the Centre at the executive committee meeting to be held on the 30th of April at Pondicherry.

New World Union Centres

Hyderabad Sri D. Ramachandra Rao, coordinator of World Union in the southern region, has reported that a new World Union Hyderabad Centre has been constituted with Sri V. V. S. Rama Das as chairman, Sri R. Narayana Murty as vice chairman, Sri D. K. R. Bhaig as secretary, Sri G. Sudar Sana Rao as treasurer and seven members of the committee whose names are Sri A. P. Divan, Sri L. G. Basad, Sri S. A. Suban, Dr. M. A. Tajuddin, Sri M. N. Raju, Sri V. Sampath Kumar and Sri N. S. Sardesh Mukh.

Burdwan A meeting of a few young students was held on Sunday the 6th of March, 1977 at "Sovanalaya", 12 Rani Sayar-East, Burdwan, the residence of Sri J. K. Hore, for setting up a new centre. The meeting commenced at 4: 40 p. m. after a devotional song and

group concentration for four minutes, Sri J. K. Hore presiding. The chairman read a letter of Prof. Chittaranjan Basistha, principal, Burdwan Raj College, who could not attend the meeting due to illness. Sri Samar Basu spoke briefly and referred to what the Mother had said in connection with the opening and running of new centres. Sri T. K. Sinha, secretary of the regional centre of West Bengal, spoke about individual responsibility in running a centre efficiently. The Burdwan Centre was formed with Prof. Chittaranjan Basistha as chairman, Sri Jayanta Kumar Hore and Sri Aloke Moy Bannerjee as joint secretaries, Sri Govind Hari Chatterji and Smt. Anjali Ghose as members.

Delhi World Union Delhi Centre has been constituted with Prof. Subodh Kumar Ghose as president, Sri B. C. Menon and Sri N. Jehangir as secretaries, and Prof. Daya Shanker as treasurer. They have already enrolled eight new members of the Centre. There was a long felt need to have an active centre in the capital of the country and we have every hope that Prof. Subodh Kumar Ghose and his colleagues will fulfil the need.

Executive Committee

The 18th annual meeting of the executive committee of World Union will be held at the Ashram's Parc Guest House, Pondicherry, on Saturday, the 30th of April, 1977 at 2:30 p. m. Every World Union centre with more than ten members is invited to send one representative and a centre with more than twenty-five members to send two representatives to participate. The coordinators of World Union are also invited to attend the meeting. The most important item on the agenda is: "Follow-up action to the fifth triennial World Union conference—The Next Future".

Annual Report

All important events and activities of the international and other centres have been published in the twelve issues of "Focus" for 1976 and we do not see any need to repeat them in this report.

However, there are some items which need to be mentioned. During the year 1976 a great deal of attention was given to the principles and systems of education, and Sri Rohit Mehta's memorandum on it was placed before a meeting of the executive committee and comments were invited. It was ultimately felt that World Union has not got the necessary expert man-power and finance to undertake research essential on a subject of this nature. Therefore World Union should confine itself to the promotion of world consciousness and global outlook in the educational institutions it contacts, and should not attempt to define principles and systems of education.

The memorandum of association and rules and regulations of World Union India Centre were adopted and the first meeting of the central council of World Union India Centre, which has headquarters at Bangalore, was held at Pondicherry on 21 February 1976. The third world council of World Union was constituted on 14 August 1976. The memorandum of association and rules and regulations of World Union Economic and Cultural Council of Calcutta were adopted and it was registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act of India, 1860. We look forward to its constructive activities in economic and cultural fields.

During the last three months of 1976 a study group consisting of about twelve to sixteen members met practically every Sunday in the World Union office to prepare for the fifth triennial World Union conference on the subject, "The Next Future".

A special executive committee meeting was held at Pondicherry on the 14th of August, 1976. The second meeting of the central council of World Union India Centre met on 17 August at Bangalore when the answers to the questionnaires circulated by the World Union India Centre on the subject of national integration received special attention.

Sri M. P. Pandit, who had not gone out of Pondicherry for about thirty-five years, visited Madras during 1976 and later visited several places in India. He also visited Singapore. As he is our chairman, his visits, though not officially connected with World Union, help in spreading information about World Union and in acquainting people with our aims and ideals.

World Union is in contact with the World Constitution and Parliament Association of the U. S. A., which has arranged to hold a constituent assembly at Innsbruck from the 16th to the 29th of June 1977 to draft a constitution for the federation of the earth. World Union corresponded in 1976 with the association regarding the participation by a World Union delegation in the constituent assembly.

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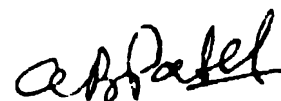
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*Unity does not come from any exterior disposition,
but by becoming conscious of the eternal Oneness.*

the Mother

*Prove to the world the possibility of union by
being united among yourselves.*

the Mother

To Our Members and Friends

The eighteenth annual meeting of the executive committee was held at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram Parc Guest House on 30 April 1977, at 2:30 P.M., commencing with a brief meditation. In the absence of Chairman M. P. Pandit, who is on a tour of the U.S.A., Vice-Chairman N. S. Govinda Rao was asked to chair the meeting. An attendance of twenty-five members, including representatives of World Union centres and invitees, was encouraging, and their participation in the proceedings displayed their enthusiasm for World Union work. The trend of the deliberations was largely influenced by the aspirations of members to work for the next future and to improve the working of World Union.

There was a lively discussion on *World Union*, the journal, when attention was drawn to its financial losses due to increases in cost of paper, printing and postage and a decrease in advertising income. The general secretary appealed to members to solicit advertisements for the journal. Several suggestions were put forward to improve *World Union's* financial position and it was finally decided that after January 1, 1978, the following changes will be made: "Focus" membership will be increased to Rs. 8.00; out of this a World Union centre may retain Rs. 2.00. Combined "Focus" and journal fees will be increased to Rs. 20.00; out of this a centre may retain Rs. 6.00. Beginning now, centres submitting advertisements will receive 30% of the income. Also, there was a suggestion that we should endeavour to increase the number of subscribers in lieu raising the rates.

Ronald Jorgensen reviewed the problem of complaints that articles in *World Union* are dry and difficult to understand. Speaking for the board of editors, he said they are trying to make the articles more readable and interesting. He shared a report by a disciple summarizing an early conversation with the Mother about the journal, and said he wishes to use Mother's statement that *World Union* be a journal which appeals more to the heart as a criterion for selecting publishable material.

Proposals to improve the working of World Union were discussed when Ronald offered the thought that it is a time for a change of emphasis—no longer to spread mental ideas about unity but to live unity, to bring unity into our lives by, for example, a concrete sharing in different projects in the centres.

The meeting appreciated the work done by Dr. Kamooben Patel for World Union. On the suggestion of Kamalini Bedekar, she was given the position of "coordinator of World Union International Centre" for the purpose of introduction when she travels for World Union work.

The attention of World Union centres and members is drawn to World Union Day, which will be observed on 20 August; and all concerned are requested to plan celebrations. Three themes were chosen for the occasion: "The World Is a Family" (as the ancient Vedic seers said, *vasudhaiv kutumbakam*), "Yoga for World Union", and "Community Living As a Factor for World Union".

A discussion arising out of the letter by Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana (which was circulated to members of the meeting and was also read), concerned the anomaly of the executive committee finalizing World Council membership, and the World Council electing members to the executive committee. Related is the need for encouraging a greater sense of participation by members of the World Union movement. It was decided that with a notice of fifteen days a resolution to amend the relevant rules adequately could be placed before the next meeting of the executive committee. There was general agreement that any amendment of the rules and regulations of World Union which will provide a sense of greater participation in the work by the members will be welcomed.

Before the close of the meeting Ronald briefly restated his proposal for a living collaboration within and between centres. Michael Spector, relatively new to World Union, offered the view that we may become burdened by proposals, committee meetings, etc., and hopes that we can begin to deal more directly with our common goal of world unity.

PANDIT IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—II

20.2.77

I woke up at 6:15 A.M. and got ready by 6:30 A.M. Tatsat helped with tea and I started the morning with the Sunday issue of *The New York Times* which Tatsat and Barbi had thoughtfully placed in my room. It was a fantastic affair with as many as twelve sections—running into a total of over 200 pages of closely printed matter on several subjects

of importance. I looked up only the political items; a small para was devoted to India though there was a long article on political developments in Pakistan.

I sent a cable home informing them of our safe arrival here.

We had breakfast together, Barbara serving us hot toast, butter, cheese and coffee. Baba (as she is called by her children) was happy to welcome us and offered her drawing room and study for our use and the use of our friends.

I phoned David and Navaja who were surprised to hear that we had actually arrived last night after they had been obliged to return from the airport.

Tatsat initiated me into the know-how of a hot water bath, in the tub. I followed his instructions and had my first tub-bath in my life. It refreshed me a good deal and by eleven A.M. we left to make certain purchases.

I had not been able to observe Stan's van properly last night. Today I saw it in full daylight. It is spruce with a dash of green. It has been insulated, upholstered and arranged with taste and an eye to utility. There are two chairs in the front and two in the middle, these two having arms. The chairs are adjustable so as to serve as sofas for reclining, with their positions changeable to face the rear if necessary, where there is a long sofa-cum-bed. It moves like a drawing room, with large window panes. Stan-America is more comfortable than Air-India.

Princeton is a university town with large bungalows and commodious buildings of various architectural designs permitting gracious living. The buildings are mostly constructions in wood. Though it was eleven A.M. all the people were clad in woollens and I understood why when getting out. There was a biting wind blowing. We entered a bank where Barbi had to deposit some cheques and draw cash. There was gentle music going on and a few people were at the desks, attending to customers, with hardly a voice heard. There were round tables with writing stationery and ball-pencils (chained to the table) for the use of the public. There was practically no waiting. We passed by some of the well known monuments in the area, passed also by the university campus, stadium, the house in which Einstein lived and worked. Then we entered a new shopping complex where we looked for a woollen pair of trousers for my use. It was a land of dazzle. I was pleased to see such a beautiful array of products of all kinds displayed artistically with price tags attached so that the customers hardly needed to call the salesmen. After trying in a number of places we went to a larger store where the person in charge said that all woollen items had been sent away as spring was due and a different wear was being prepared. The manufacturers here anticipate demands according to seasons and clear their stock before the new types arrive. Then we halted by the local post office where Tatsat had to pick up a parcel. On the way back I saw some heaps of snow still lying on the edge of the forest. I got down and saw with my hand how snow feels. Things came off like crystals. Before allowing me to touch, Tatsat made sure that it was not dirty and he cupped in his hand quite a quantity of snow as I was hesitatingly picking it up with my fingers. Barbi told us how as children they used to prepare ice cream out of snow. They explained to me that snow falls in a muffling movement, does not pour. Even voices get muffled when it snows. The forest was bleak, with all leaves gone. Bare, tall trees stood like sentinels on either side.

By the time we arrived back it was past two P.M. We had a tasty lunch with vegetable soup, crackers, peanut butter, cold milk, fruit (apricots and prunes). Coffee or tea was offered but we declined. Things are served so abundantly here that one cannot take in more than one course. The cups are large, the mugs are hefty and they are filled to the brim.

I tried to rest after lunch but could not. Due to the cold my skin started chapping and I occupied myself writing these pages. We had tea by five P.M.

At dinner time (which I understood had been specially advanced to suit us who are used to taking food earlier in the evenings), 6:30 P.M., we met Mr. Richard, Barbi's step-father, a most amiable man with a hearty way. He put us at ease and spoke of his days in India when he was stationed in that theatre as a member of the American Air Force. Now and then he would get up to stoke the fires in the heating square [fireplace] to keep us warm.

David, Navaja, Drake and Regan arrived at eight P.M. loaded with presents and flowers for us. It was heart-warming to see them so radiant and healthy. We talked of old times, friends and things in Pondy and so on. The children had grown well and were full of confidence. The Davids gave me two beautiful notebooks—bound and embossed for writing an *American Chapter* (obviously on the model of my earlier *Singapore Chapter*). However, I had already started writing my journal in the plane itself and I am not sure how I will be titling it. I hope to make better use of the notebooks when I get time, once again, to sit down and continue my studies.

It was time to retire. We had a short session of meditation together in the study before we went to bed.

1.3.77

I woke up at 6:00 A.M. They brought tea by 6:15. We commenced the day with a little meditation. Today is the Prosperity Day in the Ashram and I shared those Blessings with all around. I wrote to Sadhana at home about our safe arrival, how we are settling down, our meeting with the Davids and so on. Thereafter Stan gave me his new sleek machine on which to type out these notes. The typewriter works very well. It is an Olympia, a make that I am familiar with.

I had a hot bath and sat in the study for a while without putting on woollens. This was a mistake. I started feeling a chill. We had to leave at 11:30 A.M. with Baba to meet a Zen friend of hers. The couple was some 70 miles away and had asked us for lunch. I hoped that this outing would cure me of the chill and joined it. We lost our way twice or thrice. For the first time in this country I saw in one place linen hung up for drying in the backyard of a house. On the route we saw the sprawling complex of McGraw-Hill, Inc. It was one P.M. when we reached the home of the Tidts situated on a lake. Mr. Tidt is a retired engineer, Frances (his wife) is an artist who practises Zen. Both are very understanding and pursue their respective interests with complete harmony. Theirs is a new house specially designed to serve their artistic and spiritual needs. All the rooms facing the lake have giant glass fronts (sliding). We were shown around the house and Frances described how they had enjoyable skating exercises on the frozen lake only last week. As we were talking, Tidt

surprised us by sitting cross-legged on the carpet. When I looked questioningly at him, he said he always sat that way when doing yoga. Very soon he brought out from his shelf a copy of *Vedanta for the West* by Christopher Isherwood and said that was the first book that turned him towards God. For, he explained, he had been "turned off" religion at twelve by the very excesses of catechism of the church and had completely turned his back on these things since then. He had been an agnostic. Much later, he read some of the Upanishads and his faith revived. "How interesting!" Baba interjected. "It happened to me the same way. It was the Eastern thought that struck a deep note in me. I wonder how that is!" She looked at me. Normally I would have liked to explain why it had been so. But my illness had developed and I could not talk without coughing. So I let it go.

A tasteful meal was served—rice also having been cooked, obviously for us from India—and after coffee the hostess invited us to walk round the lake with her. I was shivering and preferred to sit near the fire that had been lit. Only Tatsat and Stan went out. When they returned, their noses were flowing.

By the time we returned home it was five p.m. and I went straight to bed for an hour. Tatsat was concerned and had the fire lit in the study, and I sat there. Soup and toast were sent up to where I was. I went to bed, restless, sick and tired.

It was a bad night.

[Sri M. P. Pandit continues in a second letter.]

2.3.77

I woke up with fever on. There was congestion in the chest. They said they would consult the family doctor. Later we learnt that doctors do not come to the home of patients in this country. Ah, how I missed our Dr. Vyas in Pondy [Pondicherry]! How he would have come to our place within minutes of our word reaching him, put me on his series of prescriptions and set me on my feet again within twenty-four hours! Ah, the blessings of life in India, the warmth of it, the human touch of it all! Over the phone the family doctor asked that I take aspirins if there was temperature, and cough syrup.

I knew my flu. But this time it was some delayed action of much fatigue. The terrific cold outside requiring me to be constantly enveloped in blankets and woollens, aversion to food, dehydration in the body—all these made things as miserable as possible. Poor Tatsat and Barbi were very much concerned. Vasanti could not bear to see my physical suffering. In my mind I began to think why all this should have happened: just a circumstance due to my inability to adjust myself to the new climate or was it an attack? If an attack where did I open myself to it?

The illness continued and Tatsat was obliged to get two engagements scheduled for the 5th and 6th postponed. It was only on the 6th that I could come out of my room and sit in the study. Meanwhile, the flu spread to Stan, Barbi and Richard. I was feeling awfully guilty. But Baba never let me feel that way.

Late in the evening of the 6th, when Tatsat called Eric of *Matagiri* to say that we could not make it on the 8th evening at Woodstock, he was both sorry and disappointed. He had made all arrangements for the function, including publicity through radio, TV, etc. Could we please reconsider? When Tatsat mentioned this to me, my spontaneous answer was, "Certainly we must"—and it was decided we should leave this on the 8th forenoon to arrive at Woodstock in time for the meeting.

Something within tells me that these blues will depart only when the programmes start. I am impatient to get out, but everyone is nervous of the weather outside and insists on my remaining indoors as long as possible.

I find that my food habits also need to be changed. We in India are accustomed to taking steaming dishes. A cold drink or an ice cream or fruit salad may be welcome at the end of the meal but not as a part of it. But here I find that even in the cold weather, they take cold food—whether it is for breakfast or for lunch. My system would not take it. Digestive complications started and I had to request my hosts to give me one warm dish each time.

8.3.77

I woke up with a happy feeling. I was talking to an audience and Mother was presiding! The scene changed. There were some festive occasions and all were preparing to go to Mother.

As we were to leave by forenoon for *Matagiri*, I had to pack things. I felt exhausted and could hardly take my breakfast. Felt better after a brief rest and our caravan set out by 9:30 A.M. in the van. Baba took a series of photographs and we proceeded on the first lap of our tour. The weather brightened up and so did my spirits. By midday we halted at a wayside restaurant and I had my first satisfying experience of American food—warm, sumptuous and tasty.

It was three P.M. when we arrived at *Matagiri, The Mother's Hill* on Mount Tremper. Sam Spanier in his gay red, Eric Hughes—tall and handsome with his dignified moustache—were there to receive us, and a number of others too who were all introduced to us. It was like stepping into the Ashram again—so many photographs, so many inscriptions in Mother's hand, Ashram books and journals everywhere, and above all the unmistakable atmosphere of sadhaks. They were concerned about my cough and phoned to a friend to assemble her homeopathic doses. Soon after tea, we were led to the bungalow nearby where we were to stay. There was still snow everywhere around, half melt in places, ready to melt in others.

We had dinner after 5:30 P.M. and rested till 7:15 P.M., when we proceeded to Woodstock nearby where I was to speak. There was a select audience when we arrived there and Vasanti began the evening with a few pieces of devotional music. They were deeply appreciated. The subject that I was to speak upon was "Sri Aurobindo's Vision and Auroville". I spoke for half an hour and invited questions. The question period proved to be very stimulating and interesting. A genial man connected with the UNO asked about the role of the institution in the Divine Mission of Sri Aurobindo. It was all a happy exchange and it was nearly 10 P.M. by the time we returned home and went to bed.

9.3.77

There was an important meeting at Matagiri where the inmates wished to have an exchange of thoughts with me. We went and visited the various sections of Matagiri where books, incense, etc. are stored and dispatched all over the country, small workshops where they produce wonderful things as if out of nothing. I was deeply impressed by the dedication and aspiration of the seekers who are living here. The main question that arose was whether Matagiri should follow the Ashram model in matters of spiritual discipline or should shape itself on the model of the various spiritual communities that are springing up in many places. The answer was clear. Matagiri is to be a core centre with a yogic base and a spiritual orientation; it may sponsor other communities in the course of time which will follow the Auroville pattern. But it cannot afford to relax its self-disciplinary mould at any time. Eric and Sam Spanier found themselves in tune with my approach and so did many others. I spoke of Mother and her work in the Ashram and Auroville and it was a fine meeting of minds and hearts. Later Eric invited us to come again and spend some weeks at Matagiri so that a large number of seekers could benefit. Sam had also an idea of holding a national seminar to which seekers and students from all over the country could be invited. I have left these things to the Mother's Will.

Altogether Matagiri has done a splendid job and they need all the strength that we can offer to them.

There was an interesting interlude when a journalist representing a local paper came to interview me. Things started very well and all were set for an enjoyable relaxation when suddenly she asked if members of our Ashram in Pondicherry were celibates. When I replied in the affirmative, she burst out and said she could not understand this kind of offence against nature and so on. When she cooled down, I explained to her the rationale behind *brahmacharya* and why spiritual disciplines insist upon this conservation of energy. She relented somewhat but chose to hold to her own conviction to the amusement of all who had gathered in the hall.

We left Matagiri by 3:30 P.M. and arrived in New York by 6:00 P.M. I was feeling sick and could not enjoy the journey. However when we arrived at the residence of our host, Anie Nunally, who has been an old friend of ours, I felt good; she was so spontaneous and warm that my cheer returned. We found that she had spiritually matured a good deal since we had seen her last in Pondy. We also met Lalit (Alan Scott, whom the Mother has named Lalit) who was in the Ashram for nearly six years. He was the same affable, cultured gentleman with an indrawn look in his eyes. I felt comforted by his company.

But there was no time to relax. Anie had fixed up an appointment at the residence of a friend of hers—a niece of Buckminster Fuller, Mrs. Gibon—where we were to have food and then follow it up with Vasanti's music and my talk on "The Foundations of Indian Culture". When we arrived there, we found a considerable party in progress. A buffet table had been laid and guests were holding small glasses of wine in their hands. Some were smoking and few seemed to know why they were there. The hostess herself was an extremely refined lady and she spoke to me of her brief visit to the Ashram. It was nearly 9: P.M. when people settled down and Vasanti commenced her music. Some seemed to like it;

some were polite. One elderly gentleman in particular, sitting at the central sofa, went on reading a small book in that dim light—a compliment which he continued to pay when I started speaking on the subject given to me. When he was tired of reading, he would doze off, wake up after a while and resume his reading. A lively question and answer period followed, during which another elderly guest, a clergyman, told Vasanti that we were fortunate to attend a gathering of the “upper class” in America. God help America, was my spontaneous response.

My reaction to the whole evening was mixed. My respect to the hostess prevailed upon me to take things lightly and treat the whole episode as an experience. Anie herself was embarrassed.

10.3.77

Certainly New York is not beautiful. Wherever one looks one comes across only tall featureless buildings. As I looked out of the window in the morning, I could see no skyline—there were on all sides big brown walls of other buildings. I felt sick. I went to the other side of the apartment and looked out. It was a street with shops which had not yet opened.

At noon we visited an Indian restaurant for lunch. For the first time we had rice and dal and mango pickles and I could eat something. So could Vasanti. The other members of the party, all Americans, experimented with Indian dishes with varying reactions, much to our amusement.

In the evening there was an engagement at the Society of Pragmatic Mysticism. The audience was enlightened and well informed. David’s family, his parents, sister, etc. had specially come to meet me and it was a happy occasion. I spoke on spirituality and life. Interesting questions were asked and I found it was worthwhile to talk to a group that had been making earnest efforts to translate spiritual and mystical values in day to day life. They liked Vasanti’s music. They wanted us to visit them again and give another talk. For the first time I felt a sense of satisfaction. Mother was present, and Anie noted it.

11.3.77

It was raining—dismal morning. Navaja and David came from Greenwich and spent some time with me. I went out with them. They took me to a posh restaurant and we had tea. While walking on the sidewalks one tall, imposing man stopped us and gave us a sob story of his dire straits; David knew that it was make believe but yet he could not resist parting with a dollar. I was told that there are special classes in this city where people are trained to beg and make a living in this way.

At 8:00 P.M. a meeting had been called at Anie’s place—the premises of Sri Aurobindo Centre in New York—for members to meet us. Many old friends like Mrs. Eleonore Montgomery came. Mother was indeed present and I spoke to the group of the necessity of having a number of centres for the study of Sri Aurobindo’s thought and the practice of his Yoga in the U.S.A. Some members desired that I stay on and make myself available for practical instructions in Yoga, etc. It was a rewarding evening.

Friend Eleonore had certain definite indications that the Sri Aurobindo movement in the U.S.A. was entering a new phase and I was intended to play a certain role in it. I left it to Mother's Will.

12.3.77

My first engagement in the U.S.A. was to have been an address at Lindisfarne—a New Age community under the guidance of Dr. William Irwin Thompson. But due to illness it had to be postponed. Today a concert by Vasanti had been scheduled and we went there by 1:30 P.M. We were received by Bill—as William Thompson is affectionately known in the community—and we talked things over. He observed how both an Indian lecturer who was to speak on Saturday, and a Japanese Roshi scheduled for Monday had been attacked by American flu and arrangements had been upset.

It was an agreeable surprise for us to meet here Tarun Banerji from the Ashram. We knew him from his childhood and it was nice to see him here ready to give a concert on tabla and on sitar. He played energetically and was appreciated. Vasanti's devotional music followed and was deeply cherished. Thereafter we had tea, joined a meditation and stayed on for dinner which had been cooked by Bill. He served us with special consideration. He was touched when at the time of parting I told him that he was indeed a good cook and something nice was cooking there. We left early as I was getting sick due to the cold weather, especially as the church in which the functions were held was not heated.

13.3.77

The main engagement was at Mrs. Spalding's—a most gracious hostess—who has been to the Ashram and met the Mother. The occasion was the monthly meeting of Darshana, a serious group which meets once a month to discuss fundamental problems of philosophical and spiritual import. Robert McDermott, who has done commendable work in publicizing Sri Aurobindo's works and introducing them in the academic world here, was in charge. Quite a good number of people had gathered and I spoke on many topics, viz. Auroville, Mother's approach to life, the guru, Sri Aurobindo, etc. It was an appreciative audience and their questions were stimulating.

After tea, we left for Princeton by 5:00 P.M. I was to speak on "Integral Psychology" to a group at Princeton University after Vasanti's music. We started after eight P.M. and the meeting ended after ten P.M. It was a keen discussion and I was happy when their professor of psychology came up and told me that the knowledge that had been given would take a long time for the students to assimilate.

We proceeded to the residence of Baba (Barbi's mother) where we spent the night.

14.3.77

It was some time after nine A.M. that we left for Greenwich on our way to the University of Connecticut. We reached David-Navaja's place by 11:30 A.M. and rested there till 3:00 P.M. I was happy to be able to spend some time at their home, visit the workshop and laboratory of little Drake who showed me his airplane models and like efforts in design-

ing. I was glad to see his genius getting ample facilities to express itself. Baby Regan was fast growing up and showed promise in ballet dancing. Navaia was delighted to have us with her, for however short a period, and served us an Indian-cum-American lunch. David's parents and sister Marcia joined us after lunch and we had a pleasant hour together.

We left for Windham Center after 3:00 P.M. and arrived at the residence of Robert Peck by 5:30. Robert Peck is an innovator in many fields and our first contact with him was when we received a copy of his book, *American Meditation*, way back last year in India. His approach had impressed me, especially in applying yogic principles to life in the modern world, and we had corresponded. He had arranged certain meetings for me. We arrived in time.

Bob (Robert) is a fine man, with an open mind and much flexibility about him. He made his entry into Yoga under distressing circumstances after a serious, disabling car accident. A group has grown around him to practice this discipline combining *asanas*, breathing exercises, *nada upasana* and development of consciousness upwards and outwards. His wife—a remarkable, sweet woman—is of much support and help in his work and it was a joy to be with them for two nights.

Bob had arranged for a talk on "The Integral Yoga" by me at the University of Connecticut. There was a good attendance—his own variegated, cultured group; some of the interested members of the University; and members of the nearby Sachchidananda Ashram. They were receptive both to Vasanti's music and the talk. The question hour was specially interesting, Bob himself participating in the dialogue.

15.3.77

The first appointment for the day was a visit to the Sachchidananda Ashram. The *Swamiji*, head of the Ashram, was away in California but the members and the staff were keen to meet us. The Ashram is the second ashram founded by Swami Sachchidananda, whose *guru* was the famous Swami Shivananda. The other ashram is in California. I remember hearing of a similar ashram in Ceylon. They have just started the institution, the Integral Yoga Ashram, and I was happy to be taken round their various sections. There is so much sincerity and earnestness among the members—all of them Americans—and humility too. When they asked me to speak to them in the prayer hall I was moved and spoke from my heart. It touched some deep chords and when we were leaving after lunch, the main members (three of them) stood at the gate and recited in Sanskrit the *tryambaka mantrai* in prayerful benediction to our party. I was flooded with feelings of gratitude and prayed to the Mother to bless them all and their effort.

There was another talk at the University of Connecticut later in the evening. I spoke on "Life After Death", and it excited much curiosity and interest. Some of the members observed that what they had learnt in Japan on the subject was much in the same direction.

On returning home Bob and myself had an intimate conversation. He explained the work he was doing through his Personal Development Centre and asked for comments and advice. He is so open and humble, his spiritual seeking so intense that one cannot help

admiring his qualities. We talked also on the ways and means for maintaining contact and furthering our common aspirations.

Yours in the Mother's Love,
M. P. Pandit

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Konnagar World Union Konnagar Centre celebrated 24 April, the day of the arrival of the Mother to Sri Aurobindo Ashram and one of the four darshan days, at Swami Dayananda Ashram. Sri Basudev Samant addressed the meeting.

Chakradharpur World Union Chakradharpur Centre held a meeting on 23 April 1977, when the members applied their minds (i) to improvement in the working of the Centre according to the circular received from headquarters, (ii) to increase the number of members and (iii) to raise funds for meeting the expenses of the Centre's activities. The Centre usually carries on its activities in collaboration with the Sri Aurobindo Society centre, with whom its major present project is maintaining a *Shishu Chattra*. It consists of 100 children without distinction of caste or creed, whereby the members try to come into close contact with many families of the area. The *Shishu Chattra* was commenced on 14 March 1976.

Calcutta World Union Calcutta Centre held its monthly meeting on 20 March 1977 in the residence of Sri Arun Kishore Mukherjee, Sri Kumar Mukherjee presiding. The chief guest of the day was Mr. Gosta Johnsen of Uppsala University Library, Sweden, who is a Sanskrit researcher and scholar. The meeting commenced with a song by Miss Swapna Kar. After a meditation for two minutes, Sri L.N. Datta initiated the discussion and explained in brief the aims and objects of World Union. He also referred to the principles and guidelines laid down during The Next Future, the fifth triennial conference in January 1977, and emphasized that this should be the basis of the activities and working of their centre. Consequently, they have decided to set up, initially, three agencies or wings: (i) World Union Travel Services, (ii) World Union Forum for International Peace and Friendship, (iii) World Union Forum for Economic Research and Development. Sri Datta appealed to the members and guests to lend their full support and cooperation to these agencies.

Mr. Gosta Johnsen recited a Sanskrit verse from the Rig Veda and said that the Indian Vedas and Upanishads have been regarded as a source of literary value to the Western world. The Sanskrit language, like Latin, was the most developed classic language in the ancient world and it occupied a very high and esteemed position in the minds and hearts of Western thinkers scholars and literary stalwarts, particularly due to its sweetness and deep thought and spiritual values.

Sri Jagdish Chandra Saha explained in brief the importance and necessity of estab-

ful thanks and donated the sum of Rs. 7,334 to World Union's building fund. He expressed his thanks for the kind words said by Samar Basu on behalf of all who met there and hoped and prayed to the Divine that he would deserve their affection. He said he was conscious of his imperfection but was struggling to move forward to diminish the elements of imperfection and to increase the elements of perfection in his being. It was a pleasant function with an atmosphere of harmony and inspiration.

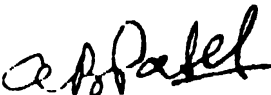
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THE FORCE OF THE FUTURE

The future repels us even while it irresistibly attracts. The repulsion lies partly in our own natural recoil from the unknown, because every step into this unknown is a wager between life and death; every decision we make may mean either the destruction or the greater fulfilment of what we now are, of the name and form to which we are attached. But also it lies in the future itself; for there, governing that future, there are not only powers which call us to fulfil them and attract us with an irresistible force but other powers which have to be conquered and do not desire to yield themselves. The future is a sphinx with two minds, an energy which offers itself and denies, gives itself and resists, seeks to enthrone us and seeks to slay. But the conquest has to be attempted, the wager has to be accepted. We have to face the future's offer of death as well as its offer of life, and it need not alarm us, for it is by constant death to our old names and forms that we shall live most vitally in greater and newer forms and names. Go on we must; for if we do not, Time itself will force us forward in spite of our fancied immobility. And this is the most pitiable and dangerous movement of all. For what can be more pitiable than to be borne helplessly forward clinging to the old that disintegrates in spite of our efforts and shrieking frantically to the dead ghosts and dissolving fragments of the past to save us alive? And what can be more dangerous than to impose immobility on that which is in its nature mobile? This means an increasing and horrible rottenness; it means an attempt to persist on as a putrid and stinking corpse instead of a living and self-renewing energetic creature. The greatest spirits are therefore those who have no fear of the future, who accept its challenge and its wager; they have that sublime trust in the God or Power that guides the world, that high audacity of the human soul to wrestle with the infinite and realise the impossible, that wise and warrior confidence in its ultimate destiny . . . ¹

Sri Aurobindo

One of the most active contributors to last January's conference, The Next Future, was Alexander Brodt—a twenty-three year old member of Sri Aurobindo Ashram from West Germany who does research and writes in a number of fields as part of his work in the Ashram

1. "Conservation and Progress", *The Supramental Manifestation*, Sri Aurobindo Birth Centenary Library edition, volume 16 (Pondicherry: Sri Aurobindo Ashram Trust, 1972), page 318.

Archives and Research Library. An enthusiast about the future, he not only participated in the seminar of the conference but was part of the six month study group to prepare for it. Following is his note to us, a preface to another of his many offerings toward the future, entitled "What Concerns Us Most in Our Present Time?"

Dear World Union,

In line with the aim of the last World Union conference, which sought to inspire all participants as regards the future, to intensify our collaboration with the future and to establish contacts and exchanges conducive to these ends, I would like to share with all who participated directly or indirectly some afterthoughts evoked by our meditations, studies, and activities in the preparatory study group and in the seminar, as an expression of their dynamic and continuing influence.

Alexander

WHAT CONCERNS US MOST IN OUR PRESENT TIME?

It is of vital interest for us, if we want to understand our times and give to our lives the most meaningful direction, to investigate what is the main preoccupation of humanity today. This central object of our application reveals itself when we look for the area in which all our interests and concerns converge and overlap. Our main preoccupation is naturally that which all the major fields of life and culture have in common, is the center which they share in common, just as the spokes of a wheel share the hub. What then is the hub central to the spokes of the wheel of present human existence?

It seems to me that this common ground is *the future*, which exerts a central attraction and influence in all the capital domains of life and culture. While formerly the future played only a very minor role in human existence, in this century it is beginning to come out in the limelight as the sovereign goddess of our modern life, our nascent era of material progress and spiritual self-development. A new literature, art, and entertainment, such as science fiction and space art; the new science of futurology; a new future-oriented social and material management represented, for instance, in emerging international and global institutions of all sorts; scientific and technological research in areas such as, among others, the new astronomy and cosmology, ecology, genetic engineering, space travel, nuclear energy, cybernetics and electronic intelligence, ESP-faculties; philosophy and psychology focussing more and more on the implications, the sense, and the direction of evolution; a new spirituality seeking to realize a higher dimension of consciousness which will bring about the future transformation of terrestrial life itself—these are some of the most prominent illustrations of the emerging forms in which the preoccupation with the future has taken birth in our century for the first time. Those who are interested in a more comprehensive investigation will find that all the areas of human existence have indeed undergone in our century a radical transmutation, which has not only produced a clean break with the past, but automatically forced us to direct our attention to the future. An overall comparison of culture and life today with their counterparts a hundred years ago will show

that our present world is totally different in its very roots, that it actually is a new dimension of existence: the well-known fourth dimension of modern physics has also been added to all the other aspects of life.

Thus, although our world-view may be coloured by diagonally opposite fields of culture—say, technology and psychology—we are all united in our common concern about the future. (Oppositeness does not here mean mutual exclusiveness, of course, but polar complementarity.) Why, we will naturally ask, should our capital concern be the future? Because our time-dimension clearly has expanded and we live today in a wider time-range than before. For example, we are now aware of the often gigantic consequences—gigantically progressive or gigantically lethal—of our present actions as regards the further destiny of mankind. Among the spectres which haunt our generation, to name only some of the most visible instances which have an impact on the future, are the imprudent (even peaceful) utilization of nuclear energy, the possible perils of genetic engineering, national egoism, ecological problems. On the other hand, the same instances also contain miraculous possibilities for the shaping of a better future: the effective and safe harnessing of such an enormous energy-source as nuclear power; the fantastic potential of genetic engineering, of a conscious creating of life; the planetary culture of a unified humanity (but, of course, not a uniform one); a conscious manipulation of the biosphere to actualize its latent resources, material and other.

In contrast, who, a century, or more ago, really thought about the vital future consequences of current life-forms and styles, activities and occupations, and how far these things could drastically alter life in such a way as to bring a new dimension into the future? Whereas our responsibility for the future—sudden emerging human responsibility for what used to lie solely in the hands of Nature or some god—confronts us in the daily news. The difference between the past and the present is that in former epochs, the future had generally been a continuation of the present, in the sense that essentially the same category of life had been prolonged, even though the forms embodying this life had changed to some or even a large extent. In this epoch, we have found that the future which we see taking birth intrinsically transcends the past and is a breakthrough, a quantum jump to a new dimension.

Our expanded time scale is also clearly visible in the geological and astronomical time-ranges of modern material science on one side, and on the other, of Reality's evolutionary cycles in modern spiritual science. And even the nature of time has radically mutated: we live now in a space-time continuum, where space and time are one and interchangeable and fuse into a third "something" underlying them both and manifesting dually as time and space. So, in dealing with the future, we have to ask: "Is the future later in time or wider (or further) in space? Or does the real key lie in that mysterious third 'something'?" Perhaps the *real* future is simply a more evolved existence, an advance on the ascending spirals of evolution. And what is it that has really evolved up to now? The fundamental difference between the stone, the plant, the animal, and man—to a clear vision, is—evidently their consciousness. We have here embodiments of different levels of consciousness in an ascending order, and therefore an evolution of consciousness: a development of ever higher levels of awareness in matter.

· As we live in a space-time continuum, our vision of new time-ranges is inseparable from

the vista of new realms of space. Our space-scale, as we know, has also expanded tremendously in our century, whether it is the microspace of the waves/particles constituting matter, or the four-dimensional curved macrospace of the universe, or the subtle space of our own psyche and inner being, disclosing itself as we set out on the inward journey into the great unknown world that is ourselves. And the same holds true for all the other facets of our reality, as this is a continuum where everything is relative and interacts with everything else, whether we mean the Einsteinian continuum of relativity and the observer-observed interaction of Heisenberg, or the vaster Aurobindonian model, extending in dynamic interchange from Spirit to Matter while passing through intermediary grades. A change in one part of the omni-interrelated network of existence has everywhere its repercussions and leads everywhere to corresponding changes.

The importance which, in our age, the future has gained in all domains of culture and life thus stems from the expansion of our dimension of reality, produced by our evolutionary advance and therefore by a growth, a heightening, deepening, and widening of our consciousness. It is clear that an enlarged awareness automatically gives us an enlarged *field* of awareness: a wider world, a vaster space and time (that is, space-time), a more comprehensive understanding, experience and action—a whole extended life.

Consequently the true key to the future is consciousness, the expansion of our awareness and therefore also of that Alpha and Omega of the whole evolutionary game, that ultimate secret which moves the stars and the life they nourish—of our delight, the delight of the whole creation growing in us towards a greater fullness of consciousness.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Baranagar Student members decided on 29 May 1977 to hold their meetings on the first Sunday of each month at 28/1 Manna Para Road in Calcutta, and appointed Sri Mantra Bhattacharya as their convener. They have opened a library of their own and elected Sri Sankha Bhattacharya as librarian. Having their own musical instruments, they organized a concert group and elected Sri Buddhadeb Dutt as its convener. A special programme has been planned by them for 13-15 August 1977, which will include an oratorical competition, a drawing competition on the formation of the continents, an essay competition on "The World Is a Family", a recitation of Sri Aurobindo's sonnets, and a special lecture, "Yoga for World Union". Details regarding these programmes will be included in the Centre's report afterwards.

Butwal World Union Butwal Centre's members and friends met on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th of May 1977 at Sri I. M. Mal's residence. On the 28th a special gathering took place when the families of members and friends were also invited. After a group meditation of two minutes, Miss Diksha, a student member, recited a Sanskrit sloka in reverence of Mother Saraswati. General discussions followed and President Bhende expressed his appreciation of members' enthusiasm and his satisfaction at the progress of the Centre. Secretary Mal, in a different vein, suggested a silent hour for all every day. Light refreshments were served.

New Delhi During his visit to Delhi, Sri Ranjan Karunaratne of the International Centre gave a talk on 1 May 1977 at 6:00 p.m. at Sri S. K. Bhattacharya's residence, 270 Tagore Park. The talk was highly illuminating and dwelt on the polarization of the mundane and the Divine based on the Copernican "cosmic box" theory. He stressed the need for the integration of people of different countries as one-world inhabitants. Then he related anecdotes of his school days in England and answered various questions of those present. His talk was tape recorded and is available for use by other World Union centres.

Uttarpara World Union Uttarpara Centre celebrated 24 April 1977 as the fifty-seventh anniversary of the Mother's final arrival in Pondicherry at the house of Sri S. K. Gupta—6:30 p.m. Members offered flowers with devotional songs to the Mother. The significance of this memorable date was explained; it was stated that 24 April is the foundation day on which the bridge between humanity and Divinity was erected. The members of the women's and youth wing took part in the function which was presided over by Sri S. K. Gupta, who orally read passages from *Mother India*.

The forty-fifth monthly seminar of Uttarpara Centre was held on 14 May. The subject discussed was "Sri Aurobindo and Rabindra Nath". Sri Samar Basu explained the comment of Sri Aurobindo on Rabindra Nath, that "Tagore has been a wayfarer towards the same goal as ours—in his own way". Nabanita, Shampa, Banani and Indrani offered songs in support of his explanation. It was a very pleasant and meaningful discussion.

Burdwan World Union Burdwan Centre held its second monthly meeting on 15 May in the hall of Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, where Sri Samar Basu presided. After a group meditation of three minutes, Sri Samar Basu spoke on "The Role of Human Unity in the Situation of the Present World", and answered questions. Questions arousing special interest were about the outer image of a united world in the light of spiritual unity and the time when such a world would appear. They were asked by Sri Alokemoy Banerjee, the honorary secretary. Sri Samar Basu answered them briefly and to the point. The meeting ended with thanks expressed by Sri Jayanta Kumar Hore, the joint secretary.

The third monthly meeting was held on 5 June at 5:00 p.m. in the hall of Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Sri Samar Basu presiding. At the request of those present, he interpreted this message of the Mother: "The unity of humanity is an underlying and existing fact. But the external union of mankind depends on man's goodwill and sincerity." Goodwill and sincerity and the feeling of oneness in daily life are the bases of external unity, he offered. On behalf of the members, Sri Jayanta Kumar Hore expressed good wishes and success to Sri Samar Basu, who was due to participate in the World Constituent Assembly at Innsbruck, Austria, and another world order conference in Paris.

Bangalore World Union Bangalore Centre held a meeting on 8 May under the presidentship of Professor N. S. Govinda Rao, when Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana gave a talk on "Doctors, Drugs and Devils".

Here is the summary of the talk. Each epoch puts its own seal on human beings. And

our individual physical form is moulded by our physiological habits and even our usual thoughts. The body becomes more and more pregnant with the feelings, the appetites and the aspirations of the whole being. In this open book one can read not only the vices, the wishes, the intelligence, the stupidity, the most carefully concealed habits of an individual, but also the constitution of his body and his tendencies to organic and mental disease. So a doctor is not only a healer, but a preacher and a guide. He does not cure by himself, but helps nature to counter ailments. His role is that of a sympathetic counselor, explaining the balancing and restoring power of nature and advising his patient on the do's and don't's of health. A drug is a powerful, double-edged weapon. Avoid it if you can. If you have to use it, use it with full knowledge. The devils of this generation are poverty, opulence, superstition and tension. Man can survive them only if he respects and obeys natural laws.

International A surprise visit on 24 May 1977 from New Delhi's S. D. Pandey was the occasion of a quickly called meeting in the international office. Sri Pandey is the secretary general of the Indian Federation of UNA (United Nations Associations) and out of his discussion came two proposals: that World Union and the UNA affiliate with each other, and that a correspondence course on international relations be extended to World Union members. The course is conducted by the Institute of UN Studies and International Affairs, which in turn is operated by the UNA. Those interested in taking this certificate course may write:

Indian Federation of UN Associations
12 Janpath Barracks A
(Behind Central Cottage Industries Emporium)
New Delhi 110001

The UNA itself is a kind of peoples' movement of the United Nations. It is voluntary, comprising local associations of itself in forty-five countries. Participants in the UNA may and do offer their services in education, disaster relief, and other efforts which facilitate peoples' contacts with each other in a global span. Some countries have very substantial associations of the Association in action: in England about 90,000 persons are involved, including students in schools and universities; and the government provides grants for UNA work. Membership is open at dues of Rs. 100 per year, through writing the above address.

Bombay On his way to the World Constituent Assembly in Innsbrook, Austria, due to meet on 16-29 June, A. B. Patel stopped in Bombay. This occasioned a meeting of the Centre, which doubled as a send-off function for World Union International's general secretary on 8 June.

In addressing the gathering, Sri Patel said it may sound impractical to think of a world government and of a world constitution today, but world government will come into existence by the imminent force of circumstances—not even by choice. He declared that the solution to problems like world-wide pollution and destruction of natural resources, malnutrition and the struggle for distributive justice is precisely that of a world decision centre or a world govern-

ment. And he not only hopes but feels that such a world organization will inevitably start functioning by the turn of the century. A. B. Patel concluded this part of his talk in affirming that it is a global or universal approach which will aim principally at the improvement of the quality of man, that will overcome these problems—not merely political, economic, religious or ethical approaches.

Sri Patel also informed the meeting that Innsbruck intended to make preparations for the South Asian Regional Conference in 1978, and Sri Lanka has been proposed as the most likely place to hold this assembly. Plans about the same will be further discussed there. He significantly went on to say that the second part of the conference is to help in the formation of strong movements within each country for attaining the objectives of the Association, which include the campaign for ratification of the world constitution and the organization of a provisional world parliament during the next few years.

Sri N. S. Rao, vice chairman of World Union International, enumerated the services rendered by Sri A. B. Patel and extended felicitations to him on completing eighty years of age on 1 May 1977. Sri Rao and other members wished A. B. Patel good health and a happy journey and successful participation in the conference.

The honorable deputy speaker of the Lok Sabha, Sri G. Murhari, is also participating—among others—in the Indian delegation at Innsbruck, while Sri A. B. Patel represents World Union.

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IMAGINE ALL THE PEOPLE—A. B. PATEL IN EUROPE

*Imagine there's no heaven,
It's easy if you try,
No hell below us
Above us only sky.*

*Imagine all the people
Living for the day.*

*Imagine there's no country,
It isn't hard to do,
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion too.*

*Imagine all the people
Living life in peace.
You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one,
I hope some day you'll join us
And the world will be one.*

*Imagine no possessions,
I wonder if you can,
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man.*

*Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world.
You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one,
I hope some day you'll join us
And the world will live as one.*

John Lennon

I wish I could play this song of John Lennon's for you; the words will have to do for now. It was played in Pondicherry recently as part of a taped interview of M. P. Pandit from a California radio programme called "New Dimensions". And the experience of an Indian house vibrating with a former Beatle's musical plea for oneness in the style of American pop was an experience of oceans—of the East and West, of the wise and the young—coming together in an awesome felicity.

Now, with A. B. Patel soon to return from an extraordinary trip to Europe, it becomes easier and easier to "imagine all the people"; for it appears that he has done just that in a practical way. As you may know, he participated in two great assemblies: the World Constituent Assembly and the World Citizens Assembly in Innsbruck, Austria during the last half of June. As their names imply, the two world assemblies are the most recent part of a sustained and rather comprehensive non-governmental effort to create a constitution for the coming of a world government and to generate a group of world citizens as the core of the people a global constitution is to serve.

After years of more limited meetings and circulating drafts of this constitution around the earth for legal thinkers' emendations and suggestions, this constituent assembly was the final coming together for deciding whether to adopt the finished text of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. Voting delegates were literally elected by their own natural constituencies in different parts of the world, with 400 persons attending from twenty-two nations. A. B. Patel writes us that welcome and keynote addresses were delivered by participants from each continent of the planet.

But, according to his letter, it was also a very hard working and well disciplined assembly which organized itself into five working sections:

1. Draft of the World Constitution
2. Ratification Campaign
3. Preparations for the World Parliament
4. Provisional World Government
5. Proposed Legislation on World Problems

The steering committee of these working sections met at the beginning of every morning for an hour, and the working sections met immediately afterward for the morning's remaining three hours and for four hours in the afternoon on most of the fourteen days of the assembly. In addition, plenary sessions (full sessions of all 400 delegates, volunteers and observers) were called several times to adopt reports made by the working sections. Further education of the delegates usually absorbed the hours of eight to ten P.M. when panel discussions were organized around these subjects and others: (i) How to Obtain Ratification of the World Constitution; (ii) How to Obtain Disarmament Under World Government; (iii) Requirements for a New World Economic Order; (iv) A Five Year Plan, Including Organization and First Actions of a Provisional World Government. And finally, there was a joint plenary session of the World Citizens Assembly and the World Constituent Assembly on the last day of the two assemblies, 29 June.

One of the most important, and already historical, results of these gatherings is the successful adoption of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, which will be printed and circulated as soon as possible. Among others who went to their home countries to work for its ratification on a national level were fifteen Indian delegates, who appointed five among them as an ad hoc committee to undertake this task.

Other important achievements of the fourteen and five day gatherings will be sent by A. B. Patel in his next communication, but we can already see something of the shape and magnitude that this trip and these assemblies project. As far as we are aware, this is the first somewhat large-scale, sustained, sophisticated laying of the constitutional foundations for the dream of centuries: representative world government. It flares up into the words of Sri Aurobindo's 15 August 1947 message we have been half-knowingly repeating for so long:

The third dream was a world-union forming the outer basis of a fairer, brighter and nobler life for all mankind. That unification of the human world is under way; there is an imperfect initiation organised but struggling against tremendous difficulties. But the momentum is there and it must inevitably increase and conquer. Here too India has begun to play a prominent part and, if she can develop that larger statesmanship which is not limited by the present facts and immediate possibilities but looks into the future and brings it nearer, her presence may make all the difference between a slow and timid and a bold and swift development.¹

The prominent part that India has begun to play, and through her the spiritual force, is contributed to by what has just happened at Innsbruck. World Union as a movement, we remember, exists on the truth of the work in its statement of purpose: "A world union based on the fact of human unity realising the truth of the Spirit". It is the concentration on the Spirit by A. B. Patel that has moved him, and through him World Union, into a remarkably prominent role in the work of the World Constitution and Parliament Association of Colorado, U.S.A., which sponsored the World Constituent Assembly. Not only was our A. B. an inaugural speaker in both assemblies, and a several times chairperson of working section sessions and of some planary sessions and panel discussions, he was also catapulted to the frontline collective leadership of the association itself. Mr. Reinhart Ruge of Mexico had been re-elected president of the World Constitution and Parliament Association for many years, but on this occasion A. B. Patel and he were unanimously elected co-presidents.

1. *Sri Aurobindo on Himself*, Sri Aurobindo Birth Centenary Library edition, volume 26 (Pondicherry: Sri Aurobindo Ashram Trust, 1972), page 405.

This is an opportunity for not only the general secretary, but all World Union members, and World Union itself, to contribute toward the movement into an active consciousness of world government, one of the reasons for which World Union took birth. Most of us now are attentive to local news, at most to national—or international items connected with our nation—when we read the papers or listen to the radio. Our horizon, our sympathies, our interests, our information, our mental formations, our avocations and service and projects are invited to take a global bearing in the new, active role of World Union, to “imagine all the people sharing all the world” in each gesture of this work.

FUTURE CHILD

From the small wilderness town of Salmon Arm (in British Columbia), Canada, has come an invigorating new periodical, *Future Child*. Its recently received first issue is heralded by this poem on the inside cover:-

But yield who will to their separation,
My object in living is to unite
My avocation and my vocation,
As my two eyes are one in sight.
Only when love and need are one,
And the work is play for mortal stakes,
Is the deed ever truly done
For Heaven and the future's sakes.

Robert Frost

Some additional excerpts, which are taken from the opening pages, illuminate the character of this new publication.

“*Future Child* has the great disadvantage of being written under the stress of a multiplicity of practical projects and problems. It has the great advantage of being integrally related to life, for this is a farm and a work center, complete with children, rather than a meditative cloister or a sheltered academic environment.

“For this reason, *Future Child* has taken long to make its appearance, and may have to struggle hard for its existence. In any case, we will continue our work here, and everything will come to pass in its own time. . . .

“*Future Child* is concerned, not with quantity but with quality. Concerned, that is, that we intuit the true potential of the child and take steps to develop it on all levels, not as the schools do now, but with an approach that is at the same time more free and more integral. . . .

“It is not only the schools, it is all of us that are at fault. Small children are unimportant to us. Sometimes we see them as cute, sometimes as a nuisance, sometimes as an empty jug to be filled with our superior wisdom, but seldom as individuals to take seriously. It is

easy not to understand their language, to fail to respond with the word, gesture, or vibration that will help their healthy blossoming. . . .

"There is an allegorical legend coming from the East, quoted by Professor Robert Bainbridge. It is told as follows:

For many years in a particular countryside each evening at dusk a brilliant golden disk appeared in the sky. Its nearness to the ground and rich beauty and magnetism tempted many from far and wide to come in hopes of touching it, for as the legend was told, any who might succeed in this effort were assured a life of unending joy and abundance. But although some came very close to reaching this supremely luminous disk, it always remained just out of reach of all who tried. One day, observing the attempts of those who had gathered, an ancient mendicant suggested to the crowd, 'Since none of you seems able to make the contact yourself, let us lift up this little child here above our own reach. In such a way, perhaps she will receive the blessing.' Whereupon all of those present, responding to the suggestion, pressed the little child skyward until her tiny hand contacted the disk in a blaze of white light. And, lo, the supreme grace which each had so ardently sought flowed through the essence of the child, transforming everyone present who had thus aided her.

"The time has come to heed this legend and to create centers to 'hold up the child'. Centers of information and materials, of creative experimentation and innovation. Centers bright with national spirit but wide and strong in international outlook. Centers consciously participating in a rapid evolution towards a challenging future. Centers of fresh air.

"*Future Child* is written by people with the dream of creating such a center in Canada. A center with films, sound recordings, library, creative learning materials of all sorts, and a laboratory school. But, most of all, and regardless of the quantity of material paraphernalia which is gathered, a center for a new consciousness and integral approach to education.

"*Future Child* is an expression of this dream. But it is not planned as a mere philosophical journal. Succeeding issues will bring reports of pioneers already at work, concrete suggestions, usable ideas, specific know-how."

Horst and Dorothy Bohmé, the editors, are the formers of the Canadian center which is also their and their four children's home near Salmon Arm. A professional puppeteer and filmmaker, Horst Bohmé is complemented by Dorothy with her teaching experience in American schools. They are people with that indomitable spirit often read of in fairy tales and myths.

A homey periodical, *Future Child* contains not only revolutionary articles on education

and educational ventures, but informatively nutritious and attractive recipes, informal reviews of unusual books, experiential descriptions of physical play and education devices. Four issues are planned per year. The address is:

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ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

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Bangalore In a lecture meeting held this summer, Dr. P. R. Brahmananda, professor of monetary economics at the University of Bombay, spoke on "Economic Distance between Countries". He indicated this distance is growing in a striking way: in 1938, rich countries had 31% of world population and 76% of world income; twenty years later, they had only 28% of the population but 83% of the income!

Other aspects of the situation he commented on are: rich countries are pooling their interests defensively; poor countries need to develop economic and technological cooperation and stop eyeing the rich as models. Some other beneficial initiatives Dr. Brahmananda explored that poor nations could take are: using discrimination in receiving what often turns out to be obsolescent technology; establishing a stable peace which will free military funds—defence and domestic—for development; replacing competition by cooperation; and restraining population growth.

Bangalore reports a lively, informative discussion after the lecture. (Chairman: Sri Sri Thandaveswara.)

New Alipur A member of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Rajan Ganguly, was a special guest of the centre and spoke about Sri Aurobindo's and the Mother's ideas and work for world unity during the monthly meeting. New Alipur Centre also arranged an *aikya sammelan* [unity gathering] for the two days of 21 and 22 May in Nabadwip, West Bengal. It was organized by Sri Sukhumar Mukherjee, chairman of the centre, to encourage a coming together of a large number of centres dedicated to Sri Aurobindo's and the Mother's work in West Bengal. Sri Aurobindo Pathamandir of Calcutta responded to the occasion with its full cooperation and valuable suggestions, and the large number of delegates present were unanimously positive about the gathering. Dr. Mukherjee there stressed the Mother's statement on the importance of what he called "spiritual unity": "We must replace competition and strife with collaboration and fraternity".

United Kingdom We have just received a new publication from World Union United Kingdom Centre, a monthly "page" containing a short and very lively essay by the chairman, Mr. J. I. Patel, and a newsletter section. Modestly cyclostyled (mimeographed), it has some interesting information which goes beyond reports of the centre's meetings and activities. Included are addresses, names of leaders and descriptions of organizations and movements kindred to World Union—most of which the centre, incidentally, has established affiliations with; announcements of existing and forthcoming periodicals and publications; and notices of talks and gatherings around noted visitors passing through London. The publication is convenient, fresh, and brief—containing about two or three pages.

The centre itself reports that World Union now has about sixty members in the United Kingdom, with twenty-five of these as life members. Some are in Scotland and Wales. The newsletter comments: "It is hoped that in the year to come members will increase in numbers and the need may arise to coordinate the work in the U.K. There is a great potentiality for expanding work. Any member can take steps to foster get-to-gethers and meetings of cross sections of the society to discuss themes of common interest or arrange for study groups to think on the noble ideal of human unity. Cultural programmes can be arranged to foster understanding."

Uttarpara Their monthly seminar for June was titled, "Why a New World Order?" The two speakers, Sri P. K. Banerjee and Sri S. K. Gupta, said the old world order had proved to be futile in bettering socio-economic and socio-political conditions; hence the necessity for a new world order. (Presiding: Sri S. K. Gupta.)

July's seminar, "Rishi Bankimchandra and Rishi Sri Aurobindo" was led by the speech of Professor Buddhadev Chakrowarty. He evaluated Bankim's entire life in the light of Sri Aurobindo, and threw rays on previously unknown aspects, to many, of Bankim's literary genius—which was keenly appreciated by the audience. (Presiding: Sri S. K. Gupta.)

In the June seminar, Sri Samar Basu was sent off to the Innsbruck, Austria assemblies and related Paris meetings with wishes for successful work there; in the July seminar, he submitted a brief report of his participation in these European assemblies.

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A LITTLE BUFFETING

If thou wouldst have humanity advance, buffet all pre-conceived ideas. Thought thus smitten awakes and becomes creative. Otherwise it rests in a mechanical repetition and mistakes that for its right activity.

Sri Aurobindo

Consider with me, for a few moments, the next future of World Union. It has already undergone a great change of emphasis in A. B. Patel, our general secretary. In Innsbruck he publicly declared, on 25 June 1977, that he was dedicating the rest of his life to the formation of a world government, as part of his sadhana's offering to the Divine. Such an accomplishment will require, I believe, an entirely new way of thinking about government that will be gentle enough to attract delicate national sovereignties to itself, strong enough to organize and discipline its body in the crucial first stage of existence, and wide and supple enough to integrate a West of mainly individualistic democracies stressing human rights and an East of mainly collectivistic systems stressing social duties. Much of what is familiar to us may disappear or reshape itself so powerfully it will seem new.

And in World Union, a movement that feeds the progress toward world government, expansive changes may be ready to happen. Up to now we have been organized into centres and dues-paying members of self-education on unity through meditating, reading and talking, with some of the more adventurous among us initiating cultural, educational and economic activities as means of finding unity outside these centres with other parts of the society. This is about the same approach as many other movements take, that want to serve humanity as it is. To bring about a world union and a world government, humanity cannot stay as it is (or it will be like magnifying the faults of local and national governments into a global eyesore). Then can World Union's approach stay as it is?

Since World Union includes the entire world in its meaning and its goal, while most other movements have boundaries with their members placed inside them, perhaps the next future of World Union will not be so much dues-paying members as of informal collaborators in India and elsewhere with financial contributions flowing in a more unstructured and more

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“Economic and Political Problems”: the key importance of the new thinking on Asian development to world harmony.

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“Philosophy and Religion for One World”: Does Hinduism’s *dharma*, which is intended to express the individual’s participation in the total universe, have elements which can be made to work in the present context?

“Intellectual Exchange for World Union”: How can the cultural imperialism or hegemony of the West be changed so that the minds of men communicate freely among all nations and cultures?

“Psychology of the Universal Man”: Most persons’ psychological equipment is used for achievement for oneself and one’s family; but if the *world* is a family, what psychological characteristics should persons have in order to live this unity?

With such a perceptive, provocative, and thorough preparation outline for World Union Day, we are most eager to receive the report of Bangalore centre on the events of the symposium. Whatever happens, the outline document is an event in itself.

Burdwan The centre’s fourth monthly meeting was held on a July Sunday at 5:00 P.M., when a reception of bouquets was given to Sri Samar Basu, who has recently returned from productive participation in the Innsbruck, and Paris, assemblies. Following that he spoke on “World Government”, commenting on the receptivity to Sri Aurobindo’s views of world unity in these assemblies. (Presiding: Sri Samar Basu.)

Butwal A discussion of experiences, involving several persons, was opened by Mr. N. D. Gupta in the centre’s July meeting when he asked why people do not enjoy peace of mind despite the availability of all life’s amenities. After a lengthy exchange, Sri S. N. Bhende contributed to the exploration in his speech, “Soul and Body”. Then a further series of exchanges flourished, which ended in members’ unanimous satisfaction with the evening’s good discussion. (Presiding: Sri S. N. Bhende.)

Calcutta Talking on the development and progress of the World Union movement in the light of *The Ideal of Human Unity*, Sri Samar Basu was the main speaker of the Calcutta centre’s meeting. In this context he referred to the world parliament movement and a re-organization of the United Nations Organization—both subjects that were worked on very energetically and practically during the recent world assemblies in Innsbruck and Paris which he participated in as a delegate.

Dr. Subodh Maitra and Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya spoke on the religious and spiritual dimension of World Union. Sri Bhattacharya, in distinguishing between religious and spiritual vibrations, quoted Sri Aurobindo’s compact statement:

I may say that [it] is far from my purpose to propagate any religion, new or old, for humanity in the future. A way to be opened that is blocked, not a religion to be founded, is my conception of the matter.

Sri Bhattacharya said that the Mother, in furthering this vision, declared in 1957:

In the supramental creation there will no longer be any religions. The whole life will be the expression, the flowering into forms of the divine Unity manifesting in the world.

He concluded by saying this kind of spiritualism, of unity, should be realized by individuals.

Two friends from the U.S.A. were introduced at the meeting by Sri Jagadish Chandra Saha: Mr. T. G. Goodbody, who plans to travel around the world by boat from Indian shores; Mr. Michael O'Connor, who came to this country for the study of Indian music and instruments—particularly the sarod. Both highly appreciated the idea of World Union and gave their best wishes for its progress and success. Afterwards a slide show on the life at Sri Aurobindo Ashram, created by Sri Brojen Dhar, was narrated by Sri Kumar Mukherji. (Chairman: Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya; devotional song: Sri Robi Ghosh; vote of thanks: Sri N. B. Mukherji.)

***International* Upon the return of A. B. Patel to Pondicherry on 12 August, a co-sponsored meeting with Navajyoti was arranged for the afternoon of the fifteenth when he spoke of the work accomplished by the world assemblies in Austria and France. The approach he took was a historical one, attempting to show how—from Sri Aurobindo's 1915 beginning of the *Arya* through the Russian revolution, League of Nations, clusters of world order organizations in the 1950s and 60s—the process developed that produced the world constitution adopted at the Innsbruck assembly in June. Two of the constitution's new features were described by A. B. Patel. One is its three houses, instead of the ordinary two: the House of Nations with representatives elected by each nation, the House of Peoples with representatives elected directly from 1,000 districts throughout the world, and the House of Counsellors with representatives nominated by university faculty and students of the same transglobal districts. Another innovation is the notable emphasis on distributive justice or righting the balance between the present rich and poor. He declared unequivocally that there will be a world government in twenty years, whether people like it or not.**

Sitaram Jayaswal spoke of the uniqueness of World Union with its spiritual basis of unity. He led off with an interesting remark that we are seeking a human unity, not an in-human one of a forced coming together and conformity—a very contemporary remark when one looks at current human affairs in many parts of the world.

Then M. P. Pandit said that Sitaram played the right note when he mentioned *human* unity, for if you scratch the surface of the present average person you find, where his or her interests are concerned, the same barbarism as our ancestors' of thousands of years ago. We're not human yet, he said, despite our species' possession of the noblest potential. While in Boston, a questioner asked M. P. Pandit if the ideals of world unity are actually only ideals. He answered with the example that nations used to battle to settle their differences, now they talk. And, whenever a crisis emerges, say of famine in northern Africa, study and action are

taken not only for the relief of that area but of its relation to spots all over the earth—it is a developing global consciousness. For although the UN is politically quite inept, it is a growing potency in the planetization of relations in food, education, technology, finance, culture, resources of the seabed and ecological matters, to name a few.

Sri Pandit said constitutions like the one we are discussing, meetings, seminars create a mental climate for union, but the dynamism is spiritual. The Mother, he recalled, said the walls of the ego must come down before the supramental can be there. And with the soul contact, love pours out identifying me with all those around me. After that, the gestures and life of unity are automatic.

He declared that India has no monopoly on sages and seers, and without seeing God in others how can we say we're spiritual? Here (or wherever we are), like spiritual batteries in the unity in each of us toward all around us, we can make our contribution to the global electricity of unity.

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A Constitution for the Federation of Earth

The unification of the human race will have to come in a deeper and truer way from the inner truth to the outer forms. Until such time all approaches towards such unification and the formation of a world government will have to be encouraged and accepted, even mechanical means such as political and administrative arrangements will have to be used until the truth of the Spirit may step in and lead humanity towards the goal.

Sri Samar Basu, a Vice-Chairman and the Coordinator of World Union in the Eastern Region of India who attended the World Constituent Assembly held at Innsbruck, Austria, 16-29 June 1977, to draft the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, has sent us an appraisal of the event for inclusion in the "Focus":

World Constituent Assembly at Innsbruck An Appraisal by Samar Basu

When the people of India were busy in electing their representatives for forming governments in some States of India during mid-June of this year, delegates from thirty countries of the world assembled at Innsbruck, as a Constituent Assembly, to draft a Constitution for the Federation of Earth. Several organizations and persons, among them political leaders, economists, social workers, erudite thinkers, educationists, philosophers and scientists, who have been thinking seriously for a long time for finding ways and means to save humanity, that is to say the succeeding generations, from utter destruction on account of difficult world problems which have come into existence, participated. World Constitution and Parliament Association, a non-governmental organization, believed that owing to very rapid development in science and technology this planet earth has become much smaller than what it was in the beginning of the present century. And, therefore,

humanity is facing at present many problems which cannot be merely called national because they have become global in nature and character. These global problems cannot be solved by any single nation however affluent or powerful. If humanity is to survive, these problems have to be solved which makes the need for world government essential. No smaller machinery has the capability of getting these problems radically solved. Consequently, World Constitution and Parliament Association commenced thinking in terms of drafting a Constitution for the Federation of Earth.

World Citizenship

It is very interesting to trace how the movement of world citizenship has evolved after the Second World War. Several organizations came into existence for spreading the ideal of one world with an ultimate aim of world government.

On 25 April 1948, Mr. Garry Davis (author of *My Country Is the World*) abandoned his American nationality and placed himself under the protection of the United Nations. He declared himself a "World Citizen" and with a few of his companions printed the first World Citizen Identity Cards.

On 19 November 1948, during a meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, Garry Davis and R. Sarrazac interrupted the proceedings with a plea to the delegates to call a "Peoples' Constituent Assembly" to raise the banner of a government for the whole world. This memorable appeal of Garry Davis laid the foundation stone of a "New Era" which the seers and sages of the past chanted in their hymns, and poets and philosophers of ages have been longing for.

It was an important and historical event and therefore an extract of what Garry Davis declared in the General Assembly on 19 November 1948 is reproduced :

"Mr. Chairman and Delegates :

"I interrupt you in the name of the people of the world not represented here. Though my words may be unheeded our common need for world law and order can no longer be disregarded.

"We, the people, want the peace which only a world government can give. The sovereign states you represent divide us and lead us to the abyss of total war.

"I call upon you no longer to deceive us by this illusion of political authority.

"I call upon you to convene forthwith a World Constituent Assembly to raise the standard around which all man can gather, the standard of true peace, of one government for one world.

"And if you fail us in this . . . stand aside, for a Peoples' World Assembly will arise from our own ranks to create such a government.

"We can be served by nothing less."

In July 1949 the International Registry of World Citizens was established in Paris for the purpose of registration of World Citizens. Thousands and thousands of persons around

the world have recognized their responsibilities as members of the world community and registered themselves as World Citizens.

On 27 July 1949 the statutes of an association called International Secretariat of World Citizens for a world sovereignty were registered at Paris. One of the main statements of the Statutes in article number. 2 reads as follows :

“The aim of this Association is to make possible the organization of world peace, and to this purpose :

- (i) To gather all the men in all countries as World Citizens.
- (ii) To bring to life as soon as possible world citizenship, sovereignty and institutions.
- (iii) To prepare world elections to a Peoples' Constituent Assembly on the basis of a direct and proportional ballot in terms of one delegate for one million inhabitants.”

Among the means of actions for materializing the above purposes, the important ones were :

- “(a) The registration of World Citizens.
- (b) The issuing of the World Citizen Identity Card.”

Thereafter, organized effort has continued to realize the ideal of one world by enrolling persons of different walks of life belonging to several countries of the world, as World Citizens, whereby they became aware of the new level of consciousness and learned to think and feel in terms of the whole world and began to accept their new assignments as citizens of the whole earth.

It is worth mentioning a few of the important events as a consequence :

- (a) Setting up of the People's Congress in 1963.
- (b) Acceptance of World Citizenship by Pope Paul VI after his address to the General Assembly of the United Nations in October 1965.
- (c) An Appeal made on 3 March 1966 by thirteen eminent personalities of the world (after their becoming World Citizens), to all the peoples of this planet to register as World Citizens. Among the thirteen were :
 - 1. Lord Boyd Orr of Great Britain, Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1949.
 - 2. Josue de Castro of Brazil.
 - 3. Professor Alfred Kastler of France, Nobel Prize winner for physics in 1966.

4. Professor Linus Pauling of U.S. A., Nobel prize winner for chemistry in 1954 and for Peace in 1962.
5. Lord Bertrand Russell of Great Britain, Nobel Prize winner for literature in 1949.
6. Professor Ivan Supek of Yugoslavia.

This appeal got wide publicity and became popularly known as "Appeal by the 13".

(d) Holding of the first transnational election of the People's Congress in June 1969.

During the last thirty years of such world-wide movements, several questions have arisen for the appraisal of the future of the World Citizens and other organizations working for maintaining world peace when United Nations is functioning through its different agencies in more and more wider areas.

In answer to such questions the World Association of World Federalists, a world organization formed in 1947, stated in 1970 that though certain specialized agencies, notably the FAO and WHO, are helping efficiently the developing countries to break out of their deplorable situation--and though the Secretary General of the United Nations has more than once drawn the attention of the world to grave dangers and thus encouraged the action of member states, or the competent bodies, to act against these dangers, yet it cannot be gainsaid that twenty-five years after the Conference of San Francisco there are many who believe that the United Nations no longer carries out the task fixed for it in the charter-- namely the maintenance of peace and international security, the development of friendly relations between the nations, the achievement of international cooperation to solve international problems for economic, social, intellectual or human development, the respect of human rights and fundamental liberties.

Besides this it further stated that the United Nations had not been able to prevent the out-break and continuance of numerous wars (either local or of subversion). It was not for any action of the United Nations that a third world war did not break out, but for the impact created by the balance of terror of nuclear weapons which Soviet Russia and the U.S.A. were in possession of.

The World Citizens Assembly, a non-governmental organization formed in 1974 at San Francisco, which held its first meeting in June 1975 and the second in Innsbruck and Paris in June and July 1977, states without any ambiguity that the United Nations in its present shape is nothing but the instrument of national governments which, by definition, are unable to rise above their own interests and attain the level of world interests. Moreover, within the United Nations there is a division of the world into groups that only think of crippling each other and doom the United Nations to powerlessness. So the World Citizens Assembly calls upon the peoples of this earth to become World Citizens with the following inspiring words :

“Beyond the movements and ideologies of our time,—above any frontiers of race, religion, of politics or of ideology, world citizenship must be able to welcome all women and men, enabling them to solve their common problems on the only effective level today — that of their country : ‘The World’.

It has also been asserted that the powerlessness of the United Nations is so obvious that one scarcely needs to emphasize it. The armed conflicts since the Second World War can be counted in hundreds. Famine appears in many countries and malnutrition seems to be the lot of a good third of the human race. This misery is accompanied by an excessive growth in population of the countries in question. This population cannot be fed, clothed, housed or educated conveniently because the economic and political systems of many countries are based upon the privileges of small cliques belonging to the neo-colonial monopolists or to an all-powerful bureaucracy.

Then what is to be done ?

All those who aspire for a more just and prosperous future for humanity are agreed on one thing—the solution can no longer be found within the limits of national sovereignties. Hence the necessity of world government.

But how to constitute it ?

World Constitution and Parliament Association, a non-governmental organization, which was constituted in 1958 and met for the first time in Switzerland and West Germany in 1968, undertook the task of drafting a World Constitution. Mr. Philip Isely, the Secretary General of this organization, explained very clearly the powerlessness of the member states of the United Nations Organization and justified the necessity for a world government. Unequivocally he stated : “We are living these days in an epoch of great international anarchy on our planet earth. We call this ‘national sovereignty’ and the nations mean by this, that they have the right to do as they please within their territorial limits.

“This might have been a valid thesis at other times of development in human history, but certainly not at the end of the 20th century, when most of human activities of any consequence are *world-wide* and make the nations of the world a family of interdependent human beings who have to live together on our Spaceship Earth and solve the problems common to all, especially those related to overpopulation, pollution, depletion of resources and most of all, those related to armament, war and armies.”

In appraising the scope of the United Nations in solving these global problems, Mr. Isely comments that although many of the specialized agencies of the United Nations are devoting their time and money to successfully solve some of humanity’s troubles, the main political forum has been standing in dismay before the evermore threatening destruction of the human race—be it by hydrogen bombs which are lurking from every corner of our planet, be it by over population and slow starvation, or just by disease which overcomes humanity in an evermore polluted and degenerated biosphere.

He exclaims : “When we have municipal governments to solve our village problems,

state governments to solve problems of our provinces, and national governments for doing away with the problems of the country; why then are we reluctant to establish world government to solve global problems?"

So the World Constitution and Parliament Association undertakes the arduous task of constituting a world government to be established long before the end of this century, to save this planet from destruction, because it knows very well:

1. that the national governments cannot initiate any move for a democratic world government, although some members of national legislatures are ready to assist;

2. that the world government—particularly a democratic one devoted to the cause of universal human welfare and social justice—cannot be achieved by the amendment of the United Nations Charter, because the United Nations as it stands, is only the extension of foreign policies of sovereign national governments and each permanent member of the Security Council holds veto power over any amendments proposed;

3. that no progress in the area of solving global problems can be ensured by fragmented transfer of sovereignty to specialized international agencies;

4. that no one can depend on initial support by a widely based popular mass movements although this needs to be developed in due course;

5. and that the long-range educational programme cannot produce any tangible result in a foreseeable period, because most of the nations are still interested in educating their people for becoming nationalistic.

The first requirement of establishing a world government is the drafting of a constitution and the World Constitution and Parliament Association after its work for ten years appointed in 1958 twenty-two persons from eleven countries as a commission to undertake the task of producing a suitable constitution. Sri G. Murahari, the then Deputy Speaker of the Rajya Sabha of India and the present Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha, was one of the members of the commission. The commission met as part of the first session of the Peoples' World Parliament and World Constitutional Convention at Interlaken, Switzerland, and Walfch, Germany. After that the drafting commission held long working sessions in 1972 and the first draft was completed in November 1974, called a Constitution for the Federation of Earth. The draft constitution was circulated to a large number of individuals and organizations for comments, and in the light of the comments received, a new draft was produced. Thereafter, the World Constitution and Parliament Association, with members in more than 30 countries, published "A Call for a World Constituent Assembly", and along with it circulated a draft copy of the revised constitution as widely as possible.

The World Constituent Assembly convened by the World Constitution and Parliament Association met at Innsbruck from the 16th to the 29th of June 1977 and considered the second draft constitution and adopted a revised Constitution on the 23rd and 25th June 1977, and the signing ceremony took place on 27 June.

Some of the salient features of the constitution are:

- (a) Provision is made for adequate power and means to cope with the multitude of inter-related world problems that must be solved to serve the needs of humanity today and for years to come, not merely to “maintain the peace of a status quo”.**
- (b) The World Government is empowered and equipped to deal with all problems and affairs which transcend national boundaries, leaving to national governments jurisdiction over their internal affairs of the respective nations.**
- (c) The World Parliament consists of a House of Peoples, a House of Nations, and a House of Counsellors which has particular functions to represent the highest good and best interests of humanity as a whole.**
- (d) *The Federation of Earth is non-military.***
- (e) The World Constitution is designed so that it can be implemented in stages beginning with a provisional world government and proceeding according to built-in constitutional provisions, from stage to stage to full government.**

Now it is no more a utopian ideal: it has become as realistic as any affair of national governments.

Representatives from thirty countries of the world attended the World Constituent Assembly at Innsbruck, from 16 to 29 June 1977, actively took part in the deliberations, and finally adopted the constitution after necessary amendments and changes. On 27 June 1977 the signing ceremony of the constitution by the representatives took place in a very solemn and befitting function, which started after a recitation from the Upanishads and after a group meditation for five minutes.

It was a memorable day—the “Day of the New Age”.

The meeting for the signing was presided over by Sri A. B. Patel, General Secretary and Treasurer of World Union International Centre, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry 605002, who in his address informed the people of the world that Sri Aurobindo elucidated long ago the inevitability of a world state in one of his famous books. *The Ideal of Human Unity*.

The assembly then drew up a five year plan for getting the constitution ratified by national governments and others so that at the end of five years a provisional world government might commence with a provisional world parliament by 1982. For carrying on this noble work in India an ad hoc committee of five members was set up, in a meeting held at Innsbruck on 28 June 1977 under the chairmanship of Sri A. B. Patel. Sri Puran Singh Azad of New Delhi was appointed the convener of the ad hoc committee. It is intended that the ad hoc committee along with others will meet in October 1977 at New Delhi with the intention to form an All India National Committee and Regional

Committees for World Government and to draw up a programme for obtaining the ratification of the constitution by the government and people of India. All interested in this unique work are advised to contact Sri Puran Singh Azad, Editor-in-Chief, National Solidarity (a weekly), 39 Northend Complex, Rama Krishna Ashram Marg, New Delhi 110001.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Bombay Sri A. B. Patel, who attended the World Constituent Assembly at Innsbruck from 16 to 29 June 1977 for drafting a Constitution for the Federation of Earth, returned to Bombay on 9 August morning. He attended a press conference the same day, circulated a press statement on the work done at Innsbruck and answered questions which received press coverage the next day. He addressed a meeting held on 10 August at Sahakar Building, Bombay, and during the course of his speech gave details of the work done by the constituent assembly at Innsbruck. He also gave information of the meeting of the World Federal Authority held in Paris on the 8th, 9th and 10th of July 1977.

On 15 August an exhibition on "Sri Aurobindo, His Life and Works" and on "Auroville" was organized at Sri Chinai College of Commerce, Seth L. U. College of Arts, and Sir M. V. College of Science, as part of the Mother's centenary celebration. The exhibition was inaugurated by Sri N. S. Rao, Vice-Chairman of World Union who spoke to the students on the occasion. Sri N. S. Amin also participated in the proceedings.

World Union Day was celebrated on 20 August at Sahakar Building, when the tape recorded talk of Sri Kireet Joshi, a member of the executive committee of World Union, on "Sri Aurobindo and His Yoga of Supramental Manifestation" was played. This talk was given by Sri Kireet Joshi on the 11th and 12th of July 1977 at the University of Bombay under Sri Aurobindo Endowment Lectures of the University. It is stated in the talk that the descent of the supramental, according to Sri Aurobindo, would have immense influence on mankind as a whole. It could bring about an uplifting and transforming change in the mind itself and, as an inevitable consequence, in the consciousness of man.

After the tape was played a symposium was held on "The Next Future", in which the members of World Union participated. Among the participants were: Sri N.S. Amin, Sri Jawahar Mehta, Sri Rajesh Vaishaiv, Sri M. N. Vepari, and Sri Shenoy. After the symposium the members of World Union decided to hold monthly meetings on the first Friday of every month for the purpose of further discussing the subject at the same place.

Tamil Nadu Sri A. B. Patel was in Madras on 11 August and addressed a meeting at Minerva Tutorial College, Egmore, held under the presidentship of its Principal, Prof. A. N. Parasuram. Sri Patel explained in detail the work done at Innsbruck and referred to the movements which had culminated in the drafting of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. He explained the need and prospects for world government. He pointed out that the world was very rapidly changing and affirmed that such conditions and circumstances would develop as will compel national states to join together into a world union or world government for solving world problems, for prevention of war, for enforcing disarmament and developing the earth and ocean resources for the common good of humanity. Sri S. Sivakumar thanked the president of the meeting and congratulated Sri Patel on his being elected as the Co-President of the World Constitution and Parliament Association.

Zambia Sri Arvind Devalia, a member of the World Council of World Union, writes from Zambia that on 11 August he gave a talk to students of journalism at Evelyn Hone College, Lusaka, on Sri Aurobindo's yoga and philosophy, the ashram and Auroville. On 12 August he had a radio interview lasting for about twenty-five minutes which was broadcast twice. The subjects he touched upon were: the ashram, auroville, human unity, problems of human suffering and the practical approach in solving them. On 14 August he attended a meeting of Sri Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre. On 17 August he gave a television interview at Lusaka which lasted seven minutes.

Butwal During August 1977 the centre held regular weekly meetings on every Saturday. On 6 August the subject was The "Necessity of Meditation and How to Do It" when Sri S. N. Bhende explained the subject and Sri N. D. Gupta, M. C. Barali and Ramprakash spoke on the subject. The meeting unanimously resolved that in the beginning of every meeting there should be 15 minutes meditation instead of 2 minutes silence. On 13 August after 15 minutes meditation the meeting took up the subject of "How to Get Peace in Life" and there was a general discussion.

On 15 August Sri Aurobindo's birthday was celebrated in a simple manner and Sri S. N. Bhende spoke on the life of Sri Aurobindo. On 20 August the meeting was held at the residence of Sri Rajendram and the subject was "Faculties of the Soul". Many questions were put by Sri Mohd Kumar and the same were answered. On 27 August the subject was "Meditation and Difficulties and Resistances in Doing It". Sri S. N. Bhende spoke on the occasion and explained the subject elaborately. Sri Ramprakash, Sri N. D. Gupta and Sri M. C. Barali spoke on the subject.

Chandernagore The first monthly meeting was held on 22 May 1977 at the residence of Sri S. S. De Sarkar when Sri Samar Basu spoke on World Union and its past, present and future activities. The second monthly meeting was held on 7 August at the

French Institute, Chandernagore under the presidency of Sri P. Laha. Dr. B. N. Baral reminded the meeting that it was the place where the relics of Sri Aurobindo were kept during its journey through the district of Hooghly in Sri Aurobindo's centenary year. Sri Samar Basu spoke on the subject of "Formation of World Government through World Unity". He mentioned the Conference at Innsbruck, Austria. He mentioned that delegates from 30 countries joined the conference with a positive determination of forming a World Government. The idea of a world state is, of course, mentioned by Sri Aurobindo in his postscript chapter to *The Ideal of Human Unity*. He gave information about the further work to be done in connection with the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. Smt. Esha Majumdar recited a poem of Tagore on Sri Aurobindo and the closing song was sung by Sri Barun Kundu.

Uttarpara A three day programme was conducted for celebrating the 106th birthday of Sri Aurobindo which was inaugurated on the 13th and concluded on the 15th of August. On the opening day, students--both boys and girls of different schools of the locality--read their self composed essays on India's struggle for freedom and on Sri Aurobindo. Sri Paritosh Mukherjee, Rector of Amarendra Vidyapith inaugurated the programme, Sri S. K. Gupta presiding. On 14 August, the subject for discussion was "World Union Day". Sri Samar Basu explained the significance of the three subjects selected this year for discussion in the historical day of 20 August 1977 by the members of World Union. He stated: "The Realization of oneness is something spiritual and hence Yoga is necessary to realize that truth". The first subject, "Yoga Is a Cementing Factor" etc., deals with that aspect of this movement. Sri Pradeep Panja and Sri S. N. Roy Choudhury, Konnagar, participated in the discussion.

On the third day, the day of India's independence as well as the 106th birthday of Sri Aurobindo, Sri Samar Basu spoke on the World Constituent Assembly held at Innsbruck and explained the necessity for playing a very important role in this noble venture by the members of World Union. The meeting opened with the song of "Vande Mataram" by Sanat Bodok and concluded with a tape recorded talk of Nolinida on *Savitri*.

The 49th monthly seminar of the centre was held on 10 September 1977 at the library hall of Amarendra Vidyapith, Sri S. K. Gupta presiding. As the 102nd birthday of Sarat Chandra Chatterjee—one of the most popular novelists in West Bengal--fell on 17 September 1977, Prof. Buddhadev Chakravarty was requested to speak on "Sarat Chandra—a Lover of Humanity". He spoke after Samar Basu's introductory speech on Sarat Chandra and Sri Aurobindo. Prof. Chakravarty elucidated, with quotations from his writings, the fact that Sarat Chandra felt deeply the tragic predicament resulting from social injustice to the helpless people of the land, especially the women-folk whose sufferings knew no bounds. His pen stood as a protest against oppression. His love towards suffering humanity was unique and has universal appeal. Sri Samar Basu read out self-composed

poems of the students, Sri Somnath Banerjee and Shyamlal Chatterjee, who could not attend the seminar.

Burdwan The fifth monthly general meeting of the centre was held on 16 August in Sri Aurobindo Bhavan Hall, Burdwan, Sri Samar Basu presiding. The meeting started with the recital of Vedic hymns. Sri Samar Basu took part in the discussion on the role of spirituality and feeling of oneness in our social sphere. He said that the sole objective of our community living should be the manifestation of the existing fact of human unity. He also spoke on "Sri Aurobindo and Present India", which was the subject of the day. He said that we should take the integral education of Sri Aurobindo for the entire mental and vital progress of the students.

Baranagar Sri Aurobindo Jayanti was organized by the centre from the 13th to 15 August and held on the second floor of Aesby Training Centre. There was a competition of the student members of West Bengal in (i) oration on community living as a factor of World Union, (ii) drawing of three successive stages of the evolution of continents out of an integrated land, an (iii) essay on "World Is a Family", (iv) recitation of two sonnets of Sri Aurobindo. In the oration, Sumit Goswami, Mantra Bhattacharya and Sankha Bhattacharya of Baranagar Centre stood first, second and third respectively. In drawing the break up of the integrated land, Dipankar Banerji, Abhijit Dutta and Swapan Kumar Das stood first, second and third respectively. In the essay competition Sankha Bhattacharya, Arijit Kumar Sarkar, Sumit Goswami and Arun Chandra Dey stood first, second, third and fourth respectively. In recitation Saibal Bose, Arijit Kumar Sarkar, Anindya Sarkar and Panchu Gopal Roy stood first, second, third and fourth respectively. The judges were Smt. Minu Roy, Sri D. K. Bhattacharya, Sri L. N. Dutta, Sri Saroj Kumar Dutta, Sri Parimal Chakraborty and Sri Radhu Goswami.

After the competitions on the 13th and the 14th of August a literary fair was held on 14 August. After meditation and Mother's blessing with good wishes received from Sri Nolini Kanta Gupta and Sri M. P. Pandit were communicated, student members Anindya Sarkar, Sumit Goswami and Panchu Gopal Roy and senior members Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Smt. Krishna Mitra, Panchu Gopal Roy Sardar, Parimal Chakraborty, Radhu Goswami, Ram Krishna Goswami and Sudhindra Nath Bose read their poems.

The Sri Aurobindo Jayanti meeting was held on 15 August. Sri Arun Sil presided and distributed fourteen prizes to the competitors. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya spoke on yoga for World Union. Recitation by Smt. Mandira Goswami and Smt. Chhandita Chanda, a dance by Smt. Keya Goswami and Sukomal Das, a vocal song by Sumita Goswami, Smt. Jolly Roy, Smt. Susama, a concert by the student Concert Group of Baranagar Centre and international songs by the East Bengal Choir Scout Group made the celebrations charming. Sri Chuni Lal Goswami proposed a vote of thanks.

Chakraberia High School Centre On 15 August this centre observed the birthday of Sri Aurobindo, the president of the management of the school presiding. After the devotional song by Sri Kalyan Das Gupta and meditation, the president garlanded the portrait of Sri Aurobindo. Sri Tripti Sinha spoke on Sri Aurobindo's philosophy and Sri Tushar Kanti Bose emphasized the need for inculcating the ideals of Sri Aurobindo and Swami Vivekananda among the Indian youth. Sri R. C. Chatterji spoke on Sri Aurobindo's philosophy on education and was happy to find the present headmaster taking keen interest in the activities of this centre.

Delhi In a meeting of the centre held on 15 August 1977, Sri S. K. Bhattacharya gave a well studied talk on "Nagarjuna". He stated the difference between Asvaghosha's approach to metaphysics which accepted two aspects of the soul and that of Nagarjuna who worked out a theory of pure phenomenalism or nihilism. Then the four gradations presented *The Pancakrama* of Nagarjuna were explained in detail in terms of technical terms. The talk was well received.

Pondicherry World Union Pondicherry Centre and the Government Law College, Pondicherry, celebrated World Union Day on Saturday, the 20th at August of the premises of the Government Law College, Pondicherry, when an elocution competition for school students on "Poverty Anywhere Is a Threat to Prosperity Everywhere" and a debate for college students on "The Future of Man Depends not So Much on Science and Technology, but on his Consciousness and Shared values", were held. There was also a seminar from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on "The Constitution for the Federation of Earth" which was adopted at Innsbruck, Austria, in June 1977. Mr. S. Sankarnarayanan acted as the moderator. There was a lively debate on the constitution and its provisions were examined from all aspects. Mr. Ralph Matthews proposed a vote of thanks.

Nanjangud The centre celebrated the World Union Day on 22 August at the Government Hospital premises when Prof. K.S. Vishwanathan gave a talk on "The World As a Family". He spoke on the philosophy of the World Union movement and paid tribute to World Union International for its role in fostering a world outlook. He referred to the fifth triennial World Union conference held at Pondicherry last January and said that it was a great success. He informed the meeting of the participation of Sri A. B. Patel in the World Constituent Assembly at Innsbruck and of the lecture tour of the U.S.A. by Sri M.P. Pandit, the Chairman of World Union. He spoke at some length on the message of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. He mentioned the work of the United Nations and paid a glowing tribute to the work of its specialized agencies.

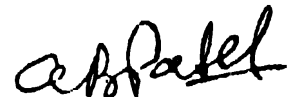
Dr. M. C. Krishna Murthy, Chief Medical Officer of the Government Hospital, Nanjangud, presided and spoke about international cooperation and collaboration in many

fields of life, especially in the field of medicine. WHO has been and is rendering valuable services to humanity. Many dreadful diseases have become things of the past. He said that all these medical miracles, which he described, were possible because of international collaboration.

Earlier, Dr. R. N. Keshavamurthy had welcomed the gathering and Sri G. P. Subbadi proposed a vote of thanks.

Bangalore World Union Bangalore Centre celebrated The World Union Day on Saturday, the 20th August 1977 and held a symposium on "World As a Family".

The Bangalore centre held its meeting on 4 September and decided to hold a one day national seminar at Bangalore during January, 1978 on the subject of "World Union -- Converging Paths". A committee of eleven members with Sri Srithandaveswara as President and Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row as Organizing Secretary and Sri H. S. Narayan Setty as Treasurer, has been appointed for the purpose. They expect full cooperation from all World Union members. Further details will be given later on but all communications regarding the national seminar should be addressed to: Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row, Organizing Secretary, National Seminar 1978, World Union Bangalore Centre, 50 12th Main, 4th Block East, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560011, phone no. 66731, or to: Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, Secretary, World Union Bangalore Centre, 197 7th Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560011, phone no. 41721.



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NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Even a World-State in which both [Capitalism and Socialism] could keep their own institutions and sit in a common assembly might come into being and a single world-union on this foundation would not be impossible. This development is indeed the final outcome which the foundation of the U.N.O. presupposes; for the present organisation cannot be itself final, it is only an imperfect beginning useful and necessary as a primary nucleus of that larger institution in which all the peoples of the earth can meet each other in a single international unity: the creation of a World-State is, in a movement of this kind, the one logical and inevitable ultimate outcome.

Sri Aurobindo
The Ideal of Human Unity
"A Postscript Chapter" (1950)

To Our Members and Friends

World Union

In his message on the birthday of free India, August 15, 1947, Sri Aurobindo referred to all the world movements which he had hoped to see fulfilled in his life time, though then they looked like impractical dreams, arriving at fruition or on their way to achievement. In this message he referred to his third dream:

"The third dream was a world-union forming the outer basis of a fairer, brighter and nobler life for all mankind. That unification of the human world is under way; there is an imperfect initiation organized but struggling against tremendous difficulties. But the momentum is there and it must inevitably increase and conquer . . . A catastrophe may intervene and interput or destroy what is being done, but even then the final result is sure. For unification is a necessity of Nature, an inevitable movement. Its necessity for the nations

is also clear, for without it the freedom of the small nations may be at any moment in peril and the life even of the large and powerful nations insecure. The unification is therefore to the interests of all, and only human imbecility and stupid selfishness can prevent it; but these cannot stand for ever against the necessity of Nature and the Divine Will. But an outward basis is not enough; there must grow up an international spirit and outlook, international forms and institutions must appear, perhaps such developments as dual or multilateral citizenship, willed interchange or voluntary fusion of cultures. Nationalism will have fulfilled itself and lost its militancy and would no longer find these things incompatible with self-preservation and the integrality of its outlook. A new spirit of oneness will take hold of the human race."

The United Nations in 1977

The major issue since the establishment of the United Nations has been the balance of national sovereignty and international responsibility. A time will and must come when mankind will be compelled to move from national sovereignty to world order. The success or failures of the steps taken by the Security Council, the General Assembly and the secretary general of the United Nations in settlement of disputes and in peace-keeping operations lies in the degree of respect for international responsibility by sovereign states. Similarly, observance of human rights largely depends upon the sense of international responsibility by sovereign states. It will not be possible to promote a new international economic order unless there is a willingness of national governments to limit their sovereign rights for the common good. Those who criticize the United Nations for its failures have to take note of the real difficulty due to lack of balance between national sovereignty and international responsibility, for usually sovereignty takes precedence over responsibility.

The Constitution for the Federation of Earth

In the present circumstances of the world in which sovereignty is preferred to international responsibility, the only proper course for the orderly progress of humanity is the establishment of a democratic federal world government. Therefore we invite all national governments and peoples of the world to give serious thought to the Constitution for the Federation of Earth which has been adopted by a world constituent assembly (convened by World Constitution and Parliament Association) at Innsbruck, Austria during 16-29 June, 1977. The authority and powers granted by the constitution to the proposed World Government are limited to those defined in the constitution applicable to problems and affairs which transcend national boundaries, leaving to national governments their jurisdiction over their internal affairs, but consistent with the authority of the World Government to protect universal human rights as defined in the constitution. Mr. Philip Isely, the secretary general of World Constitution and Parliament Association, has already sent a copy of the constitu-

tion to the secretary general of the United Nations, and will be soon sending a copy to the head of every national state in the world. The constitution provides that all viable agencies of the United Nations organization and other viable international agencies established among national governments, together with their personnel, facilities and resources, shall be transferred to the World Government and reconstituted and integrated as may be useful into the organs, departments, offices, institutes, commissions, bureaus and agencies of the World Government. It will be a non-military world government.

NATIONAL SEMINAR "WORLD UNION: CONVERGING PATHS"

The Bangalore centre has arranged a national seminar on "World Union: Converging Paths" from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, the 8th of January, 1978. The invitation circular includes a wise quotation of the late U Thant who was the secretary general of the United Nations for ten years.

"As we watch the sun go down evening after evening to the smog across the poisoned waters of our polluted earth, we must ask ourselves seriously whether we really wish some future universal historian on another planet to say, 'With all their genius and skill, they ran out of foresight and air and food and water and ideas.'"

We are asked to publish the following appeal to the members of World Union:

"World Union, to which you are already committed, is no longer a dream or a vision: it is manifesting as a practical reality. For, not only poets or philosophers or saints, but also scientists, economists, sociologists, rationalists—indeed all shades and schools of thought—are now actively engaged in the pursuit of *one world*.

"But everywhere it is perceived that the realization of world union calls for (a) practical action, (b) a multidisciplinary approach. Everyone who would like to give a hand to this human transformation needs to be alive to this need and to be adept in the several approaches for which world union has to be realized.

"The Bangalore centre is launching a one day seminar to project, debate and synthesize these approaches. The contents of the seminar include the following topics: (i) The Finite Earth: How to Utilize Global Resources for One World; (ii) The Politics of Man: The Jungle of Political Systems; (iii) How Are We to Build a World Culture? (iv) The Economics of Contentment; (v) Learning the Future: The Education of Man; (vi) Books for One World; (vii) A Constitutional Framework for One World; (viii) The Spirit of Man: The Grand Unity;

(ix) To Live the New Way. [In addition to these nine topics] Artistic experience as a means for world union is also likely to be discussed.

"An eminent man in each field will initiate the discussions and there will be full opportunity for participants to express their views and interchange ideas. Organizing *rappor-teurs* [reporters] will formulate and integrate the discussions into an action programme.

"All are invited to actively participate in this action-initiating programme by enrolling yourself as members of the reception committee and by contribution of your views and suggestions at the seminar. With a view to broadbase participation, the fee for membership of the reception committee is Rs. 25.00, and donations will be gratefully received. Every-one is asked to note that the seminar is non-residential and out-of-station participants will kindly make their own arrangements for their stay, though lunch will be provided at the seminar. Payments are to be made by cheques and drafts (crossed), and sent to:

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ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

World Union Eastern Region The West Bengal World Union Regional Centre and the coordinator of World Union for the eastern region arranged a special convention on the 12th of September 1977 at the hall of Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Calcutta, when Sri Prafulla Chandra Sen, president of the Janata Party of West Bengal, presided. After "Bande Mataram" was sung and flowers were offered by the president to the Mother and Sri Aurobindo, and after group concentration with the Mother's tape recorded music, Sri T. K. Sinha, secretary of the regional centre of West Bengal delivered a welcome address and Sri Samar Basu, the coordinator of World Union in the eastern region, gave a report of the World Constituent Assembly held at Innsbruck, Austria, in June last. After that there was general discussion by the participants. The president of the convention addressed the meeting, which terminated with a closing song and a vote of thanks by Dr. G. R. Mittra, the chairman of the Asansol centre.

Sri Aurobindo Siksha Samsad Sri Aurobindo Siksha Samsad held their fifth teachers'

convention on the 9th of October 1977 at Tamluk Hamilton High School, Midnapur, when a seminar was conducted on "True Education and the Role of Educators".

Bangalore Centre World Union Bangalore Centre celebrated World Union Day on the 20th of August at the auditorium of R. V. Teachers' College, Jayanagar, and held a symposium on "World As a Family". Sri Thandaveswara was the moderator and Sri K. N. Subramanya, Smt. Shakuntala Balu, Prof. D. S. Venkatkrishna Sharma, Prof. M. Gopalkrishna Adiga and Smt. T. K. Jayalakshmi were the speakers.

Friends of Manipal, Bangalore, and World Union Bangalore Centre held a discussion meeting on "Experiments in Education" at the Institution of Engineers, 3 Vidhana Veedhi on September 10th. Sri Ramesh Pai led the discussion.

Burdwan The sixth monthly general meeting of the centre was held on the 18th of September in the Sri Aurobindo Bhavan Hall, Burdwan, Sri Samar Basu presiding. After group concentration with the recitation of Vedic hymns, Sri Basu spoke on Sri Aurobindo's yoga and discussed its basic principles and also spoke on the book, *The Life Divine*. He said the main object of Sri Aurobindo's yoga is the perfection of the human being and the awakening of the Divine within him. Sri Basu promised to deliver two more lectures on Sri Aurobindo's yoga in future meetings.

Shillong The centre observed the 20th of August with songs of different language groups. Dr. Thakur, director of the Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, spoke on national integration, religion, and spirituality. Other speakers on the occasion were Mrs. Singh, lecturer in the English department, and Mr. Singh, Professor of continuing education, both of NEHU, Shillong. The function concluded with a song on integration by Professor Manosh Moitra.

Chakradharpur World Union Day was celebrated on the 20th of August by the distribution of printed pamphlets containing inspiring quotations and signed by members of the centre and the Sri Aurobindo Society centre there.

Pondicherry A meeting of the members of the local centre was held at 4:00 P.M. on the 1st of October when Mr. Ralph Matthews, the president, put forward a project to approach the senior students in the local high schools to make them acquainted with and interested in the national integration of India, human unity and world peace, and the formation of a world

government. The meeting approved of the project and authorized Mr. Matthews to take necessary steps in that direction.

Sri A.B. Patel spoke to the members of the local Lions Club at 7:30 P.M. on the 6th of October on the progress of the ideal of human unity and the movements for a satisfactory world order which commenced after the Second World War. He also referred to the need and prospects for a world government, to the Constitution for the Federation of Earth adopted at Innsbruck last June and the important provisions of that constitution.

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WORLD CONSTITUTION AND PARLIAMENT ASSOCIATION, INDIA BRANCH

After the Second World War, the number of non-governmental organizations around the world have increased rapidly and some of them are playing an important role in various fields of life. They endeavour to highlight the manifold problems confronting man and his world today, which problems cannot be solved on a national basis. They encourage necessary international cooperation, interdependent global actions and the emergence of planetary thinking which aid the evolutionary process towards human unification.

To Our Members and Friends

Formation of the India Branch

The first meeting of the India Branch of World Constitution and Parliament Association was held at 11:00 A.M. on the 16th of October 1977 in the conference hall of the Y.M.C.A. youth hostel, New Delhi, when twenty-six persons were present. Shri Puran Singh Azad, the convener of the India branch, proposed Shri A. B. Patel, the co-president of the World Constitution and Parliament Association, to preside over the meeting. This was seconded by Shri J. C. Bhardwaj, and Shri Patel took the chair. Shri Azad said it was a matter of great pleasure that the preliminary meeting of the India branch was held under the chairmanship of Shri A. B. Patel, who happens to be the association's co-president. He further stated that the 16th of October is the birthday of Mr. Philip Isely, secretary general of the World Constitution and Parliament Association, who is the main architect and force behind this marvelous movement, and by the holding of this meeting today we pay a great tribute to this great son of the earth. On the request of Shri A. B. Patel, Shri Azad moved the following resolution which was adopted with acclamation. "We, the members of the India Committee of the World Constitution and Parliament Association, pray for the long life of Mr. Philip Isely, the secretary general of the association, and wish him many happy returns of the day to enable him to fulfil his ideal of the formation of the democratic federal world government for which he has dedicated his life."

Shri O. P. Dawar requested the convener of the meeting to give a brief account of the deliberations of the World Constitution and Parliament Association and other organizations

at Innsbruck whereupon this was done by Shri Azad. He added that the drafting of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth was commenced in the year 1968 and completed in 1974, when it was circulated to invite the comments of interested individuals and organizations belonging to about thirty countries. On the receipt of their comments the second edition of the constitution was prepared and circulated along with a call to the constituent assembly. The constituent assembly met at Innsbruck from the 16th to the 29th of June 1977 and, clause by clause, discussed the second edition of the constitution, which was then finalized and approved there. All the people whom Shri Azad met during the tour of Europe were in agreement with the provisions of the constitution passed at Innsbruck. Organized publicity in support of this constitution is the main activity which is to be undertaken to popularize the ideal of the federation of earth and to obtain support from various quarters.

A member of the audience asked Shri Patel to throw light on his organization, World Union. Shri Patel informed the meeting that he is the general secretary and treasurer of World Union, a member of the World Federal Authority Committee of Oslo and of the Planetary Citizens Organization, New York, and other organizations working for world unity or world government. All these organizations stand for the federation of the earth. Regarding World Union he said that Sri Aurobindo had entertained five dreams: (i) the freedom of a united India; (ii) the resurgence of Asia; (iii) "a world-union forming the outer basis of a fairer, brighter and nobler life for all mankind"; (iv) "the spiritual gift of India to the world"; (v) raising human consciousness to a higher level. In World Union we are working for the fulfilment of Sri Aurobindo's third dream, world union.

In support of the ideal of world government, Shri A. B. Patel read the following statements of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. Mahatma Gandhi said: "Nationalism is not the highest concept. The highest concept is world community. I would not like to live in this world if it is not to be one world. Our objective is one world; we have to work for it and for the brotherhood of humanity." Jawaharlal Nehru: "I have no doubt in my mind that world federation must and will come, for there is no other remedy for the world sickness." Shri Patel added that it is more or less a prophecy which will, he is sure, prove true.

Shri R. K. Sood suggested that brochures and other literature should be published which would highlight the various important provisions of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth to enable the general public to know the aims and objects contained in it. Shri J. N. Puri suggested that a questionnaire should also be attached, to be filled in and sent back to the Indian branch by persons who are sent brochures, in order to assess public opinion.

Shri Amitabh Kundu said there would be general agreement with the aims and objects of the association. The issue is to obtain public support by contacts with like-minded persons, organizations and parties; and by the removal of their doubts, if any.

Shri Daya Shanker asked how the finance will be provided for the work of the organization. Shri Puran Singh said that it will have to be financed by the members themselves, and if we are sincere in our efforts and the work is done constructively by us, the finance required for the purpose will automatically come as contributions from the persons having sympathy with the objectives. He added that some of the participants from India promised at Innsbruck to contribute certain amounts to the World Constitution and Parliament Association. However,

Mr. Isely has said that any money collected by the India branch could be kept for the organizational work in India itself.

Shri K. C. Bhattacharya wanted to know about the further work to be done by the association. Shri A. B. Patel advised that he proposes to send copies of the constitution to universities for discussion in their study groups and also to bar associations and the members of Parliament to obtain their views and comments. Shri Azad made a generous offer to publish the Constitution for the Federation of Earth serially in his newspaper, *National Solidarity*, and would send copies to many public men and invite their opinion in support of the cause.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the India branch on the 3rd and 4th of December 1977, at the time when the Indian Parliament will be in session. Shri Azad was requested to make necessary arrangements in consultation with Shri G. Murahari, the deputy speaker of the Lok Sabha, who has already accepted the presidency of the India branch.

Presentation of the Constitution

On the 20th of October, three copies of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth were presented at the United Nations for the attention of Dr. Kurt Waldheim, the secretary general, and of Mr. Lazar Mojsov, current president of the General Assembly. The presentation was made by a delegation of eleven persons representing the World Constitution and Parliament Association in a thirty minute meeting with Mr. Robert Muller, deputy to the under secretary general.

The Constitution for the Federation of Earth was sent by air mail on 21 October 1977 to all 160 national governments, with a letter of transmittal addressed either to the head of state or the head of the government. The constitution was mailed from the United Nations in New York City. In the case of India the transmittal letter was addressed to Shri Morarji Desai, the prime minister of India. This letter reads:

“We have the honour to present for your consideration and action the draft of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, which was adopted at the World Constituent Assembly, held in June 1977, at Innsbruck, Austria.

“This constitution for world government is now submitted to the nations and people of earth for ratification, in accordance with the terms of Article XVII, beginning on page 38 of the enclosed draft, and as requested in the universal call for ratification, which is also enclosed.

“To assure the survival of humanity on earth, and to establish a framework within which world problems may be solved for the good of all, we urge you to take the appropriate steps immediately for implementing the ratification procedure.

“We shall look for your reply soon.”

The letter has been signed, “Most sincerely, for Peace and Humanity”, by Philip Isely, secretary general of the World Constitution and Parliament Association. Along with the letter has been enclosed a copy of the “Universal Call for Ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth”.

Shri A. B. Patel, during his last tour to New Delhi in October, had presented a copy of the constitution to Shri B. Nahar, the secretary of the Janata Party, and to Vice-President Shri B. D. Jatti on 19 October 1977, and to Prime Minister Shri Morarji Desai, to Defence Minister

Shri Jagjivan Ram and former Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi on the 21st of October—and to others also.

**NATIONAL SEMINAR PROGRAMME
“WORLD UNION—CONVERGING PATHS”**

With reference to the general information given in the October and November “Focus”, we have now received the programme details given below.

Sunday, 8 January 1978
Indian Medical Association Auditorium
Alur Venkata Rao Road, Fort, Bangalore 560024

Registration of delegates	0800—0830 hours
Inauguration	0830—0915 hours

Session One	0930—1100 hours
Chairman	Shri Haneef Jawaid
Rapporteur	Smt. Bhuvaneswari Ramaswamy
Subjects	(a) The Finite Earth—How to Utilize Global Resources for One World (b) The Politics of Man—The Jungle of Political Systems
Speakers	To be announced

Session Two	1100—1230 hours
Chairman	Prof. M. V. Ramachandran
Rapporteur	Prof. S. Ramakrishna
Subjects	(a) How to Build a World Culture (b) The Economics of Contentment
Speakers	To be announced

Lunch	1230—1330 hours
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Session Three	1330—1500 hours
Chairman	Dr. B. N. Lingaraju
Rapporteur	Dr. D. Sundara Rao
Subjects	(a) Learning the Future—The Education of Man (b) Books for One World
Speakers	To be announced

Session Four	1500—1630 hours
Chairman	Sri G. Sermabsivaih

Rapporteur	Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana
Subjects	A Constitutional Framework for One World
Speaker	Shri A. B. Patel, general secretary, World Union International Centre, Pondicherry 605002

Session Five	1630—1800 hours
Chairman's and Rapporteurs' Conference	
Variety Entertainment for Other Delegates	

Concluding Session	1800—1930 hours
Presiding: Chairman of the Reception Committee	
(a) Lectures (i) "The Spirit of Man—The Grand Unity" by Sri P. V. Rajagopal	
(ii) "How to Live the New Way" by Sri Sri Thandaveswara	
(b) Adoption of the statement of the seminar—read and proposed by Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana	
(c) Chairman's remarks	
(d) Vote of thanks	

The seminar committee has decided to invite a number of prominent persons to participate in the seminar.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

North Calcutta The North Calcutta Centre holds its monthly meetings regularly. It held its 38th monthly meeting in May, 39th in June, 40th in July, 41st in August, 42nd in September and 43rd in October 1977. The July meeting (the 40th) was presided over by Shri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, who spoke about the spiritual aspects of a world government. Monthly study circle meetings are being held on the second Saturday of every month. The last one was held on 8 October and was conducted by Shri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya when he discussed subjects such as the Sanskrit language, education, health, *swadhyaya*, and human unity. He also discussed the Mother's Centenary celebration. It was decided that study circle meetings will be conducted by Shri Bhattacharya. Regular weekly circle meetings, on Wednesdays, are being conducted by Shri Sujit Kumar Palit.

During one of the meetings, new committees for the centre, valid for the next three years (up to 30 June 1980), were formed. The new executive committee of the centre consists of Shri Susanto Mittra, chairman; Shri Sujit Kumar Palit, vice-chairman; Shri Tripti Kumar Sinha, secretary; Shri Gour Mohon Chatterjee, treasurer; Shri Hemendra Nath Kar, convener; Shri

Partha Kar, w.a. to the secretary; Smt. Sati Das, w.a. to the secretary; and seven members. A women's wing sub-committee was formed with Smt. Amita Bose as organizer; Smt. Sati Das assistant organizer; Smt. Leela Sinha, assistant organizer; Smt. Rotna Bose, assistant organizer; and Smt. Debrani Bose. A youth wing sub-committee was formed with Shri Shibnath Chakraborty as organizer; Shri Gossian Chandra Das, joint organizer; and Km. Ranu Das, joint organizer.

Monthly study circle and weekly circle meetings were conducted by Shri Sujit Kumar Palit. (It is from September 1977 that these meetings will be conducted by Shri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya.) Members of the women's wing of the centre observed 15 August to pay homage to the Mother and Sri Aurobindo by offering a befitting musical symposium.

The 42nd monthly meeting of the centre was held on 20 September, Shri Susanto Mittra presiding. The meeting commenced with the Mother's music and reading of hymns, by Shri Sujit Kumar Palit, from the Upanishads. In "A Movement for Conscious Participation in Man's Evolution Towards Unity" Shri T. K. Sinha emphasized that it is a spirit of the World Union movement and suggested that the field for the activities of World Union is very wide in which progress through higher consciousness can happen in all spheres of life—in the individual life and in all spheres of society, politics, economy, culture, arts and so on. The proposed world government, with successful pre-arrangements, was a great opportunity for World Union members to play their due role. Shri Samar Basu's speech on the life of Sri Aurobindo's yoga, the World Union movement and world government, was interesting and instructive. Km. Ranu Das read her article, "On the Spirit of World Union Day".

The message of Shri A. B. Patel, the welcome address by Shri T. K. Sinha, the speech by Shri Purnendu Bhattacharya, the speech by Shri P. C. Sen, M.P. and chairman of the Janata Party of West Bengal, were recorded in a tape at the special convention conducted by World Union Eastern Region on the 12th of September 1977 at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Calcutta, and it was played at the meeting for the information of the members. Shri Robi Ghosh sang a devotional song. The meeting terminated with the reading of a prayer by Shri Sujit Kumar Palit along with group concentration.

The 43rd monthly meeting of the centre was held on 24 October, Shri Ajit Bose presiding. With devotional songs by Km. Ranu Das and Smt. Anita Bose, group concentration with the Mother's music and reading of hymns by Shri Sujit Kumar Palit, the proceedings of the meeting commenced. Shri Samar Basu mentioned that the centre's effort for the development of the individual and for spreading the truth of the movement in a wider field deserves praise. Shri T. K. Sinha read his article, "Bejoya". In it he mentioned Durga Puja as man's onward march through evolution, acquiring gradually higher cosmic powers in body, life and mind. He informed the members of the recent visit of Shri M. P. Pandit, the chairman of World Union, to Calcutta during the period of 16-18 October 1977 when he delivered talks at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan on the 16th, Sri Aurobindo Path Mandir on the 17th, and Uttarpara Joykrishna Library on the 18th. The last was the place where Sri Aurobindo had delivered his famous Uttarpara speech. All the talks of Shri Pandit were tape recorded and his Uttarpara speech tape was played at the meeting. Shri Satya Bose spoke on the early life of the Mother. Shri Anita Bose and Smt. Krishna Palit read their own poems.

West Bengal Regional Centre The regional centre celebrated World Union Day on the 21st of August 1977 at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Calcutta. The get together started at 10:30 A. M. with participants who were members and guests from various World Union centres of West Bengal. The central hall on the first floor of Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, where the function was held, was charged with the presence of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Shri Sanat Bodok and Smt. Manika Bhattacharjee of Uttarpara Centre sang "Bande Mataram", the audience standing. Shri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya took the chair for the first session of the meeting. Group concentration was held with the Mother's tape recorded music. Shri Sujit Kumar Palit chanted a few selected hymns from the Upanishads. He delivered his brief speech welcoming all the participants, The North Calcutta Centre was the host centre for the occasion. Shri Sanat Banerjee sang a Vedic song.

The major item of the first session was the student's oration event on the subject, "Community Living As a Factor for World Union". Eight students participated and delivered their respective speeches. The participants were (i) Anindya Sarkar (Baranagore Centre), (ii) Shri Prodip Panja (Uttarpara Centre), (iii) Km. Ranu Das (North Calcutta Centre), (iv) Shri Avijit Dutta (Calcutta Centre), (v) Km. Krishna Bhattacharjee (Konnagar Centre), (vi) Shri Proloy Paul (Baranagore Centre), (vii) Km. Bulbul Saha (Calcutta Centre), (viii) Shri Mantra Bhattacharyajee (Baranagore Centre). Shri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, as president of the session, summarized the speeches in his concluding address. He traced the history of our national liberation movement and pointed out how the idea of community living had arisen in the minds of great thinkers and political leaders. Thereafter Shri T. K. Sinha declared the first session closed, and the members had refreshments.

Shri Sailendra Nath Roy Chaudhuri presided over the function of the second session. He reiterated the tasks before the World Union movement and invited young people to come forward to help it. Shri Samar Basu delivered a thought provoking speech on the idea of world government as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo and reported briefly on his recent visit to Innsbruck, Austria, where the World Constituent Assembly was held last June.

Thereafter a literary conference was held conducted by Shri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya. Dr. Sisir Kumar Ghosh inaugurated the session and spoke briefly on the future literature. Shri Sujit Kumar Palit and Shri Krishna Palit read selected verses from the works of Sri Aurobindo, the Mother, Shri Nolini Kanta Gupta, Srimat Anirvan. Shri Mohon Mittra read his poems and Shri T. K. Sinha, Smt. Krishna Palit, Kumari Tanju Mukherjee and Shri Sujit Kumar Palit and Shri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya also read their poems. In the cultural programme songs were sung by Shri Robi Ghosh, Smt. Kheyali Ghosh, Shri Sanat Bodok and Shri Manika Bhattacharyajee, while Shri Mantra Bhattacharyajee and Shri Shankar Bhattacharyajee played on sitar and tabla respectively.

The concluding programme was a musical competition. It was a garland of tributes to Sri Aurobindo with a commentary written by Shri Tapan Ghosh. Shri Hemendra Nath Kar and many other friends took part in the programme. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks by Shri T. K. Sinha.

The executive committee meeting of the regional centre was held on November 13, 1977 at 11:00 A.M. at Sri Aurobindo Patha Mandir, Calcutta, when Shri Samar Basu presided. It

commenced with three minutes of group concentration. The proceedings of the last meeting of the executive committee were confirmed. Shri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya was unanimously coopted as member of the executive committee under appropriate procedures. The names of presidents, guests speakers and participant speakers, for the two day convention to be held on the 10th and 11th of December, 1977, at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Calcutta, to observe the Mother's Birth Centenary celebration were confirmed. The substance of the five resolutions passed in this connection is : (a) The cultural programme during the evenings of the 10th and 11th of December 1977 be offered by North Calcutta Centre in collaboration with either the Sodepur Centre or the Baranagore Centre or the West Bengal Regional Centre ; (b) that a brochure be printed with pictures of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo, a brief life sketch of the Mother, invitation letter and themes of discussions of the seminar subjects; (c) the price of the brochure be Rs. 1.00 per copy, and free copies of the brochures be sent to all centres in India and abroad and to Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry ; (d) 1,100 copies of the brochure be printed for which the estimated cost is Rs. 1,000 ; (e) the source of funds for the convention and brochure publication be individual donation, it being noted that Shri Susanto Mittra has offered to donate a respectable amount.

It was proposed to hold a council meeting of the regional centre on the 27th of November 1977, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri T. K. Sinha.

Chandernagore The monthly seminar of the centre for September was held at Ushangini Balika Vidyalaya for senior girls on the 25th of August 1977, Shri S. S. De Sarkar presiding. After the opening song by Shri Indu Prakas Bandyopadhyay and two minutes of group concentration, Dr. Baral spoke briefly on the aims and objectives of World Union, as there were several new members in the meeting. He also described how World Union participated in several activities around the world. After this, one young professor, Shri S. K. Bhattacharya, spoke on Sri Aurobindo and his philosophy. Shri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, chairman of the World Union Economic and Cultural Council, was the speaker of the day, talking about the World Union Economic and Cultural Council—its aims and objectives. He mentioned the Innsbruck conference and the preparation for forming a world government through ratification of the world constitution by different nations. World Union has started thinking of creating a new horizon in education in different areas of West Bengal on the basis of principles enunciated by Sri Aurobindo. He invited those who were present to participate by asking questions. Dr. S. S. Mittra, Shri S. K. Bhattacharya and Smt. Nihar Kane Mittra responded to the request, asking questions mainly on the shape of the world state as conceived by Sri Aurobindo and the utility of such a development when the United Nations Organization is in existence. Shri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya answered the questions and thanked all the participants.

Bangalore Shri Y.M. Narasimha Murthy spoke on 2 October 1977 to a meeting arranged by the World Union Bangalore Centre on the subject, "Humour in Human Relations". The synopsis of his speech is given hereunder.

"Humour in life dates back to the role of court jesters of kings, who [thereby] relieved the anxiety and strain of administration. Tenali Ramakrishna and Birbal are excellent examples of court jesters.

"To understand human relations, it is essential to understand differences between the human being and the animal. Animals have certain very noble qualities. Animals, though wild when hungry, are noble when hunger is satisfied. There is no vanity or ego in animals. A sense of direction and time are highly evolved in animals. We are human when we integrate with us some of these noble qualities: love and leave anger, work and leave hunger, laugh and live longer. Don't feed your greed and speed. Living without planning is like swimming without knowing. Beware of your mistakes; if not, be aware of your mistakes. We shed tears to secure a job but refuse to sweat when we get one.

"Humour knows no difference of sex, creed, caste or nation. It is an integrated factor with life. Life without humour is not worth living. There are many instances where humour has averted disastrous situations."

Uttarpara The 50th monthly seminar of the centre was held on 8 October at Amarendra Vidyapith, Shri S. K. Gupta presiding. The subjects discussed in the seminar were: (i) "Vidya Sagar—an Educationist, a Social Reformer and Parent of the Destitutes"; (ii) "India's Spiritual Thinking and Sri Aurobindo". Shri Tarak Das Mitra, an erudite thinker of the locality, spoke on the first subject and Shri Niranjana Chakravarty and Shri Samar Basu participated in the discussion of the second subject. Shri Shyamal Kumar Chatterjee paid homage to Vidya Sagar by reading out his poems and Shri Pradeep Kumar Panja spoke on Vidya Sagar as an educationist. Both of them are members of the youth wing.

In his learned talk Shri Tarak Das Mitra elucidated his appraisal of social conditions—the superstitions and beliefs of the people and unhealthy conventional thinking of the social leaders prevailing in that part of the last century when Vidya Sagar came forward to fight against all social injustice of which illiterates and ignorant persons became victims. He also estimated how Swami Vivekananda was influenced when Swamiji (Vidya Sagar) was his student. "For the progress of the individual as well of the society as a whole", Shri Mitra concluded, "his whole life would have to be intensively studied and lived by modern teachers and those taught." Shri Niranjana Chakravarty elucidated the history of spiritual thinking in India dating from the Vedic age, with special reference to the Upanishads and the Gita and several Puranas, while Shri Samar Basu stated the development of the thinking and its impact on the progress of mankind, to result in the establishment of a divine life on earth as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo. Shri Sanat Bodok sung a devotional song before the commencement of the seminar.

Sri Aurobindo Siksha Samsad The Fifth Teachers' Convention of the Sri Aurobindo Siksha Samsad was held on Sunday, the 9th of October, 1977 under the auspices of the Tamluk Hamilton High School, Tamluk, Midnapur. The convention conducted a seminar, "True Education and the Role of Educators". That was the last in the series for the year 1977. Two seminars on the same subject were held previously in February and March 1977 in the districts of Hooghly and Twenty-four Parganas respectively. After the opening song and group concentration the convention was started at 3:00 P.M. Shri Kaloboron Chatterjee, ex-headmaster of the institution, took the chair after offering flowers to the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. Shri Samar Basu read out the message received from Shri A. B. Patel. Shri Kshitish Chandra

Karmakar, rector of the school, welcomed the assembly. Then Principal Gopal Chandra Kar inaugurated the seminar. Prof. P. N. Sarkar, Prof. Arabinda Palai, Shri Paritosh Mukherjee and a swamiji of Shri Ram Krishna Ashram, Tamluk, participated in the seminar. In his introductory speech Shri Basu elucidated the reasons for selecting this subject and pinpointed a few guidelines of discussion, so that the seminar would be concluded within the specified time.

Khar (Bombay) The World Union Khar Centre has sent to us a list of engagements kept and talks given by Shri M. P. Pandit, chairman of World Union, in Bombay. He addressed several meetings under the auspices of World Union in cooperation with Sri Aurobindo Society, The Theosophical Society, the Sanctuary of Peace and Harmony, and Friends of Yoga Society. The list gives visits during September 1976, December 1976, September 1977 and the dates of the talks and the subjects. The Khar Centre writes that all the talks were well attended and the audience represented a cross section of the Bombay public. The speaker was asked several questions at the end of each talk. In addition to the talks the members had also opportunities for individual and group discussions. All World Union members actively cooperated with the members of Sri Aurobindo Society in organizing all the programmes of Shri M. P. Pandit which were many during the year 1976 and 1977.

Baranagore Shri Chuni Lal Goswami, secretary of World Union Baranagore Centre, took an opportunity to address several meetings during his Puja vacation when he was away from Calcutta, and spent a fortnight in the district of Birbhum. He organized meetings and group discussions about Sri Aurobindo, the Mother and the World Union movement. His wife, Smt. Soobha Goswami, a musician, and his son, Sumit Goswami, participated. There was a meeting at Mayureswar on the 22nd of October evening and Shri Goswami spoke on the different aspects of Sri Aurobindo's teachings and on the World Union movement. Shri Bijoy K. Kundu presided. A meeting was organized on 27 October at Bakreswar Dham when the principal of the institution, Shri Nrisingha Prasad Bhattacharyajee, presided. The young group expressed keen interest in World Union. A meeting was also organized on the 2nd of November evening, when Shri Goswami spoke about world unity and on the scheme of World Union Cultural and Economic Council. On 6 November evening World Union Sodepur Centre held its monthly meeting and also a monthly meeting of World Union Cultural and Economic Council.

Butwal World Union Butwal Centre held regular meetings every Saturday in the month of October. Shri S. N. Bhende spoke on the 1st and the 8th of October on the subject of the law of karma and subjects related to it, and emphasized that it is a must for a man to preserve the thoughts of oneness and brotherhood towards others, including one's family, office, society, state, and the world; and then explained what one has to do to reach that level of consciousness: he said that one has to do the needful in thought, word and deed. Shri Dube also spoke on the subject. On 22 and 29 October the members of the centre met in the M. R. M. Camp with others of like-minded organizations. Reading of spiritually inspiring extracts highlighted the occasion. The members of the other organizations apprised the president of World Union Butwal Centre that they would be attending World Union meetings in the future.

Chakradharpur World Union Chakradharpur Centre organized the first Singhbhum district convention of World Union and Sri Aurobindo Centres on 6 November 1977 at the premises of Sri Aurobindo Society Centre, Chakradharpur. Dr. P. R. Chandra, chairman, World Union Chakradharpur Centre was the convenor and Shri Samar Basu, coordinator, World Union Eastern Region, participated as the main speaker of the convention. On the arrival of Shri Basu, the members of Shishuchakra welcomed him and he hoisted the Mother's flag; with this solemn function the convention started.

In the afternoon session Shri Basu congratulated the organizers of the convention and spoke on the five aspects of the Mother's Birth Centenary celebration, being swadhyaya, education, health, the Sanskrit language, and human unity. He also suggested that each centre should run a study circle at least twice a week. In the evening a mass meeting was held when Shri Basu spoke on the subject, "The Formation of World Government and the Role of World Union Based on Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy". Shri Prashant Chakraborty, secretary of World Union Chakradharpur Centre, gave information about the formation and activities of this centre. Group songs were offered by young members and the programme was concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri B. B. De Choudhury, secretary of Sri Aurobindo Society Centre, Chakradharpur.

On the next day Shri Samar Basu addressed the local girls' high and middle schools on Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's ideals, and suggested that the staff and students observe the Mother's Birth Centenary through an essay competition and elocution tests.

The United Nations Association of Livingstone, Zambia

Mr. Arvind Devalia from Sri Aurobindo Ashram is now working in Zambia. On 1 September 1977 he spoke to the Livingstone branch of The Theosophical Society on Sri Aurobindo's yoga, followed by a short meditation. The same group gathered on 8 September to hear 40 taped minutes of Sunil's music. Then, on October 19, 1977, a public meeting in Livingstone was addressed by Arvind Devalia on the United Nations and the United Nations Association; those present resolved to form a Livingstone branch of the United Nations Association. He was elected to its committee.

Mr. Devalia reports he has met many people there who are interested in Pondicherry and who read the *Bulletin of Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education, Mother India, World Union*, and literature on Auroville.

THE MOTHER'S BIRTH CENTENARY SPECIAL ISSUE

For readers of "Focus" who do not receive the journal, we repeat that there will be no January issue of *World Union* journal. Instead, a souvenir number in honour of the Mother's Birth Centenary will be released in February. It will be a joint issue.

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TOWARDS A NEW WORLD ORDER

Behind superficial events in the world, anybody with insight would notice forces and factors shaping a new world order and dissolving the old one. The work for World Union or World Government (Federation of Earth) is a necessary part of the advent of a new world order.

To Our Members and Friends

If we examine the working of various international gatherings, governmental and non-governmental, either initiated by United Nations and/or its allied Agencies or otherwise, if we watch how the heads of various states visit each other and endeavour to find out areas of agreement and cooperation between their respective nations, if we analyse world trade and the share of each nation in it, if we look into the various aspects of life's activities in which peoples of the world strive to increase the areas of cooperation and to diminish the areas of conflict, it is not difficult to see behind the superficial events how a new world order is taking shape and how elements of the old order are being slowly eliminated. The members of World Union ought to have faith and an aspiration to work for the promotion of this new world order and to do so by working for World Union or World Government (Federation of Earth) actively and with faith and courage because a new world order includes a World Union or a World Government. Consequently we earnestly invite our members and friends to become active participants in the World Union movement which requires your active assistance to help in shaping a new future for humanity. We hope and trust that you will give greater time and more attention to actively promote and do World Union work and thus make yourself participants in shaping a brighter future for the world.

Sri A. B. Patel visited Vallabh Vidyanagar, Baroda, Ahmedabad, and New Delhi from 13th November to 12th December 1977 and during his visit took an opportunity to address meetings and to present copies of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth to Ministers, Vice-Chancellors and others. On 16th November he presented two copies of the Constitution to Sri R. D. Patel, Vice-Chancellor of the Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar. At 2:00 P.M. on 19th November he addressed a meeting of the professors and teachers of Nalini and Arvind Arts College of Vallabh Vidyanagar on the subject of "The Ideal of Human Unity" and answered questions. At 4:00 P.M. on 23rd November he addressed a meeting convened by

Pragati Samaj of Vallabh Vidyanagar on the subject of "World Unity" and answered questions. At Ahmedabad he presented on 25th November two copies of the Constitution to Sri Ishwarbhai Patel, Vice-Chancellor of Gujarat University and requested Sri Rambhai N. Amin to present copies of the Constitution to Sri Babubhai Jashbhai Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat State, which has been done. At 6:30 P.M. on 28th November he addressed a meeting at Sri Aurobindo Nivas Baroda, in Gujarati on the subject of "Transformation of the Earth's Life" and answered questions. At 10:00 A.M. on 29th November he presented two copies of the Constitution to Sri Madan, Vice-Chancellor of M. S. University, Baroda. In the evening he addressed a meeting at Sri Aurobindo Nivas in Gujarati on the subject of "The Work of the Mother for Transformation of Earth's Life". At 10:00 A.M. on 30th November 1977, he visited Gita Mandir and various activities connected with it, such as hospital and school and addressed the students of the school, who were more than a thousand, at prayer time on the subject of "Effectiveness of Prayers". At New Delhi at 6:30 P.M. on 2nd December he addressed a meeting convened by India International Centre of New Delhi on "The Ideal of Human Unity" under the Chairmanship of Sri Kireet Joshi and presented two copies of the Constitution for their library. The same day in the morning at 11:15 A.M. he had met Hon'ble G. Murahari, Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, at Parliament House and discussed with him ways and means to promote ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth by important quarters in India. At 9:15 A.M. on 3rd December he met Sri H. M. Patel, Minister of Finance, New Delhi and presented a copy of the Constitution. On 4th December he gave two copies of the Constitution to Sri Navathe for the library of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, New Delhi. At 9:15 A.M. on 5th December 1977, he presented a copy of the Constitution to Dr. P. C. Chunder, Minister of Education in the Central Government. He had also a meeting with Prime Minister Sri Morarji Desai at his room in Parliament House at 2:00 P.M. on 5th December, 1977. At 5:30 P.M. on the same day he spoke at Sri Aurobindo Society Centre, Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi, on the subject of "Growing Consciousness in Earth's Life". At 7:30 P.M. the same day he met Sri Shanti Bhushan, Law Minister in the Central Government, and presented a copy of the Constitution. At 9:00 A.M. on 6th December he met Sri Chavan, the leader of the Congress party in the Lok Sabha and presented him a copy of the Constitution. At 10:00 P.M. on 9th December he met Sri Bhailalbhai Contractor, a Minister in the Gujarat Government, at Gita Mandir and presented to him a copy of the Constitution. He returned to Pondicherry on 14th December night but within a few days he fell ill and is temporarily prevented from doing active work in World Union as he had a serious heart attack on 21st December.

Some members of World Union purchased copies of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth and presented them to important persons in their respective areas. Sri Mahesh Vepari of Bombay purchased several copies from World Union and presented the same to important persons. He sent a copy to Shri R. W. Adik, Advocate-General of Maharashtra State, who described the Constitution an ideal and wonderful document. A copy of the Constitution was sent by World Union to Shri A. K. Pavithran, the Editor of the Eastern Journal of International Law, for review in his quarterly journal. We are happy to note that a review of the Constitution by Prof. S. Venkataraman, retired principal of Andhra University Law College, has appeared in Vol. IX No. 4, January 1978, of the journal.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

International It was nearly in the middle of the night when they arrived, twenty-five American college students and their husband and wife teacher leadership of Kathleen and Robert, so we met them the next morning. On a long study trip from Lewis and Clark College of Portland, Oregon that included many stops in India. Their USEFII (United States Educational Foundation in India) arranged tour included about 3-5 days in the Pondicherry area—but they swam into a great deal in such a short time here. In two wide-ranging and free flowing talks with M. P. Pandit, the chairman of World Union, a clever view of yogic sadhana, the work of the Ashram and of Auroville, present conditions in Auroville, the vision and person of the Mother and the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo, and other concerns from the future of politics to the depth or relation between India and America, was given. Propped on two pillows, yet already recovered enough from his recent illness to see the two teacher-leaders A. B. Patel held out his hand as he said: “Welcome to Pondicherry” when, in this small place, we are living in several cultures to prepare for a “global civilization”.

Their trip to Auroville was also short but immensely moving. A couple of days afterwards on New Year's Eve, one of the students said about the Aurovilians, “You people are *living out* a dream, a dream which we all have” but feel is not possible. Having been to so many other spiritual centres and ashrams in India and the West, they were eager to share their impressions of the atmosphere here. It is not “twinky”, Robert and Kathleen said. They define “twinky” as someone who stares deep into your eyes with a holier-than-thou gaze and says something in a low, tremulous, hyper-intense voice like, “Are you a pilgrim of the Absolute?” They found almost all the people they met were solidly grounded in life and working out something like the professionally organized pottery department—on the physical plane where it counts. And they were relieved to find Ashramites and Aurovilians without that zeal of working to convince you, which of course made *more* receptive (as the paradox always goes).

India The centre's new Educational Guidance Wing, after “a period of disappointments and failures in launching”, has come into its own with a growing momentum since 1 December 1977. Starting with only three students, class have grown to over double that in just a fortnight. Two experienced teachers, at an honorarium of Rs. 125-00 each per month are now engaged in the coaching of students, who pay only Rs. 15-00 each per month for the 1978 Karnataka S. S. L. C. examination. In addition to the coaching, students' attendance at meditation sessions and readings from the lives of saints is as compulsory a part of the programme. This Educational Guidance Wing is, reports the India Centre, part of the creation in Bangalore of a “platform common to all like-minded organization to exchange views and discuss matters concerning national and international integration”.

Butwal On each of the Saturday of November, the centre held a meeting on either of these themes: "What is the Dharma of a Man?", "Know Yourself". Both were discussed in detail by the president, Sri S. N. Bhende. He said that simply announcing, "I am a Hindu! I am a Muslim!" cannot denote one's dharma; it comes from an internal peace and purity, and it is "infinite happiness". In "Know Yourself", Sri Bhende declared that all of us have within ourselves powers comparable to a sleeping giant, and to realize our talents we must become aware of the spiritual power around us so that it works through us.

Similarly, meetings were held on each of the Saturdays of December. While talking on the subject "Whether the man is independent or dependent in doing his Karmas", Sri Bhende explained that man dependent on the governing power of all the Almighty though to some extent is given freedom to choose and act according to his understanding. He also mentioned some implications of such freedom. In other meetings discussions were held on the subject "Universal Brotherhood" and "Necessity of World Peace". Mr. Dubey, Mr. Kayarker, Mr. N. D. Guptha, Mr. T. J. Rajenderan also expressed their thoughts on and these subjects. Mr. N. D. Gupta expressed his views elaborately on the subject "Dharma, Artha, Kama, and Moksha".

Nanjangud This relatively new centre has just completed a very successful and unique project: an educational programme to induct young persons into self-employed positions or business. Their reports have recently arrived, and it appears that—due to the clear-sighted and enthusiastic labour of Lion professor K. S. Viswanathan, the centre's president—the entire project was professionally and comprehensively organized in a powerful, results-oriented manner.

Selecting of candidates from the educated unemployed was planned on a systematic basis, intelligently screening the applicants at several points in the selection process until a final group of seventeen was accepted and eventually graduated. The course itself, consuming three days in mid-December, was designed to deal with the multifarious "real world" aspects of going into business—from the factors of location to the banker's view of proposals to the actual experience of running a small business. These aspects were dealt with by experts in each, including successful and eminent businessmen. The course was sponsored by the Nanjangud Centre, Bangalore Centre, the K. P. J. Prabhu Foundation, and Canara Bank.

New Alipur Throughout the months of September-November, a series of talks titled "On Mother" were given as Her centenary approaches: two examples of subjects are the literary, philosophical, and spiritual aspects of Her *Prayers and Meditations*: Her four aspects in Sri Aurobindo's *The Mother*. On Vijaya (Victory) Day, 29 October, the centre participated in the festival of Aikya Sammelan in Calcutta at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan. Hearing the talk of Dr. Roma Choudhury, ex-Vice-Chancellor of Rabindra Bharati University, were people from World Union Centres of Calcutta, North Calcutta, Asansol, Chandernagore, Chinsurah, and others, besides a large number of devotees of the Mother from points in West Bengal. The meeting included a musical sketch by Sri Rabi Ghosh of North Calcutta Centre and distribution of sweets to all, including the durwans and staff of the bhavan.

Uttarpara The fourth annual meeting and Bejoya Sammelan of the centre was held on 30 October 1977, with sweets distributed at the end of a very pleasant gathering. Then, on 12 November, the fifty-first monthly seminar of Uttarpara Centre was held on the Mother's Birth Centenary celebration. Sri Samar Basu then gave a sketch of Mother's life and spoke of preparations for the regional centre's seminar in December—which results will be reported on in the future. Work is going ahead, in the person of Samar Basu, to prepare for World Union's second national convention in October 1978 at Calcutta.

The 52nd monthly seminar held on 17th December 1977 at 5:30 P. M. at Amarendra Vidyapith was presided by Sri S. K. Gupta. Sri P. K. Banerjee, the only speaker, spoke on the subject: "Sri Aurobindo's message on—Who are to form a Party and become leaders of India". Sri Samar Basu concluded with an appraisal of what Sri Banerjee spoke in view of the present political condition of the country.

The 53rd monthly seminar held on 14th January 1978 at 3:30 P. M. at Amarendra Vidyapith was presided by Sri S. K. Gupta. After a devotional song offered by Sri Sanat Bodok, Km. Nabanita and Banani, Sri Samar Basu spoke on "The NEW WORLD and the Mother". Invitations were extended to students and their teachers of different schools in the locality and they were present. In commemorating the Mother's Birth Centenary by the schools a subject was chosen by Sri Aurobindo Siksha Samsad in connection with an essay competition to be conducted by the Samsad.

Burdwan The Seventh General Meeting was held on December 7, 1977 at 5:30 P. M. in Sri Aurobindo Bhavan Hall, Burdwan, when Sri Samar Basu presided. Sri Samar Basu chanted a vedic hymn to start with and then spoke on Sri Aurobindo's yoga. He mentioned the three main steps namely, Aspiration, Surrender and Rejection and explained the two-fold purpose of *Swadhyaya* covering individual and collective realisation for creating the New Age and bringing about the new world order. He also discussed Sri Aurobindo's yoga in the perspective of the history of the world and mankind and its role in the present situation of the world. In course of time 'Divine Man' could manifest as a result of this yoga. In response to a question he mentioned what the Mother has said about reading and understanding what one reads.

New Centre

Asokenagar Formed in December of 1977, World Union Asokenagar Centre is already very actively at work. In two executive body meetings of 17 and 25 December, they have formed a mobile study circle—to study and realize the ideals and objects of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and World Union—that will meet each Sunday at the house of a member or of anybody. Sri B. N. Sarkar, the centre's first secretary, will at present lead the study circle. They have also decided to meet expenses by imposing on themselves, as members, a monthly subscription of Rs. 1. 00 for the employed and 50 paise for students. A special function is being planned for the 14th or 15th of January.

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WORLD STATE—HOW AND WHY?

Even a World State in which both (Capitalism and Communism) could keep their own institutions and sit in a common assembly might come into being and a single world-union on this foundation would not be impossible. This development is indeed the final outcome which the foundation of the U. N. O. presupposes; for the present organisation cannot be itself final, it is only an imperfect beginning and useful and necessary as a primary nucleus of that larger institution in which all the peoples of the earth can meet each other in a single international unity: the creation of a World State is in a movement of this kind the one logical and inevitable ultimate outcome.

Sri Aurobindo
The Ideal of Human Unity
(“A Post Script Chapter” 1950)

To Members and Friends

Seminar on the Formation of a World Government—How and Why?

Co-President of the World Constitution and Parliament Association and the members of the World Union Eastern Region jointly held a Seminar on “The Formation of a World Government — How and Why?” at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday the 29th of January 1978, at the hall of Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Calcutta. Dr. R. C. Ghosh, Centenary Professor of Public Administration, Calcutta University (Retd.), presided.

Sri Samar Basu has sent the report of the Seminar given hereunder:

Dr. Radha Raman Chakravarty—Dean of the Faculty of the Arts and Head of the Department of Political Science, Burdwan University and Dr. Birendra Nath Goswami, Reader in the same department, participated in the Seminar. Due to unavoidable circumstances Dr. Subimal

Kumar Mukherjee, Head of the Department of Political Science, Calcutta University, could not attend.

Sri Samar Basu, Coordinator of World Union, Eastern Region and the Convener of the Seminar welcomed the distinguished guests, including professors and students of many local colleges, interested intellectuals of the city, the members of World Union Centres, Sri Gopi Krishnan from New Delhi, Professor Manas Mitra from Shillong World Union Centre and a few members from World Union Chakradharpur Centre. He read out a message received from Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, and an encouraging letter by Sri A. B. Patel, Co-President of World Constitution and Parliament Association. In his introductory speech Sri Basu stated briefly how the Constitution for the Federation of Earth had been drafted and finally adopted by the World Constituent Assembly, held for the first time in the history of mankind at Innsbruck, Austria, from the 16th to the 29th of June 1977. He explained that it was in accordance with the provisions of the First Five Year Plan drawn up for carrying out the Ratification Campaign that the Indian Committee of the above Association was set up. This Seminar is held in furtherance of the Ratification Campaign.

Thereafter, the President invited Professor B. N. Goswami to discuss the first part of the Seminar. Dr. Goswami in his erudite and analytical way elucidated from different perspectives various factors responsible for the present global crisis in human affairs. "Not only the thinkers of the world" he asserted "but also the common people can very well realise the necessity for a universal organization that can save the people of this planet earth from utter despondency. The circumstances will compel mankind to constitute a World Institution—sooner or later—no matter whether men like it or not." He also justified the formation of a World Government from socio-economic, geo-politic, ecological and humanitarian viewpoints.

"It cannot be gainsaid," Dr. Goswami added "that we need a World Organization for the equitable distribution of world resources, including resources of the Oceans, for proper utilization of Super-space for the welfare of mankind, for brushing out the possibilities of war from every corner of this earth for good, and for the development and maintenance of perpetual peace so that the world may become a happy abode of mankind."

In the present-day-world, countries have gradually become interdependent and so have their citizens. In availing of this situation of interdependence, powerful nations, by changing their foreign policies, try to exploit weaker ones, and no institution comes forward to tackle the problem and save the exploited because of the helplessness of the U.N.O.—the only international organization, largely influenced by big powers; and that is why the U.N.O. has failed to introduce an equitable international economic order. Hence, only a World Government can alter the situation. Dr. Goswami conveyed his heart-felt thanks to the organizations which, after their long untiring efforts, have been able to present to the peoples of the earth a Constitution for the Federation of Earth.

Thereafter, Dr. Radha Raman Chakravarty, took up the second part of the Seminar for discussion. First of all he appraised of the Constitution in general and commented that such a clean uncumbrous and need-based Constitution with provisions fulfilling the aspirations of the people has been drafted for the first time; even the Charter of the U.N.O. is not so

need-based. By bringing about a change in the geo-politic position of the National Sovereign States (dividing the world into 1,000 units of electoral colleges) the Constitution neither intervened, in any way, in the cultural and economic progress of the individual sovereign states, nor did it impose any administrative measure to circumscribe the development of individual potentiality.

Dr. Chakravarty stated further that at present, economic freedom and increase in national income had become the demands of all the nations and, therefore, they were more or less eager to utilise science and technology to its utmost to get their demands sufficiently satisfied. But they were helpless in putting a check to likely mass destruction by the abuse of science and technology by big powers, and so the possibility of the Third World War cannot be ruled out even thirty-three years after the end of the second. The underdeveloped countries had, therefore, been groping for finding out ways and means to get rid of this threatened situation for more than two decades. The thinkers of the world have given expression to their feeling and thus has emerged the ideal of a World State.

But what would be the structural character of such a World State—whether it would be a federal democratic or a confederation of free national states,—could not at once be foretold, because it would depend upon the necessity of the group-consciousness. But, regarding the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, it could be said without any ambiguity that it fulfils the needs and demands of this planet because it is founded not on any economic or political ideas or ideals but on the Truth of the philosophy of this creation—Unity in Diversity. In the preamble of the Constitution it has been stated that its purpose is to create a total welfare state in which the sovereignty would be in the hands of the peoples of the world. Besides, the membership has been kept open to all the nations unlike the Charter of the U.N.O. where certain restrictions as to membership are imposed.

Dr. Chakravarty appreciated whole-heartedly the formation of the third house—The House of Councillors in the Constitution. The responsible role the House would play in creating a 'New World' could be gainsaid:- the geniuses and the world-intellectuals irrespective of their class, colour and creed would have sufficient scope to sit together and exchange their views, in forming, developing, maintaining a New World Order. "For this," Dr. Chakravarty applauded, "I feel it my duty to congratulate those who endeavoured to present this unique Constitution to the people of this planet."

Nevertheless, he also pointed out a few short-comings of the Constitution which, in his opinion, would have to be corrected,—the short-comings are:- (a) Individual economic right has not been accepted as fundamental right; (b) no provision has been made to do away with the exploitation at the national level. These were necessary for the maintenance of world peace.

"It may seem to be discouraging," Dr. Chakravarty continued, "that representatives from twenty-five countries only attended the World Constituent Assembly. But number alone is not important to determine the profundity of the occasion. It can be recollected that at the outset only fifty nations signed the Charter of the U.N.O. in 1945 and in 1978 the number has risen to 149. So, for the assessment of the work at Innsbruck one ought to go through the Constitution seriously and sincerely in order to examine whether it would be of any help

in fulfilling the aspirations of the peoples of the Earth. Dr. Chakravarty concluded his speech by reading the quotation set out at the commencement of the Focus.

The President then invited questions and opinions from the audience. Dr. Arun Kumar Sil responded and submitted his suggestions for the consideration of the house. "An organization like a World State" Dr. Sil stated, "would have to be founded on a sound basis. Human intellect may justify the necessity for forming it but in the foundation of its structure there must be a feeling of fraternity among nations, otherwise it will follow the wrong path, like the League of Nations—that leads to a failure." In support of his statement Dr. Sil quoted from his memory a few relevant lines from Sri Aurobindo.

Thereafter Dr. Ghosh in his brief but very thoughtful presidential address congratulated Dr. Goswami and Dr. Chakravarty (both were his students) on their elaborate and meaningful discussion on the subject and then summed it up.

He explained in his inimitable way that for the creation of one world two groups of men were endeavouring from time immemorial and they followed two distinct ways to achieve the goal. One way was of philosophy and the other was the way of violence and war. Mankind has realised that the latter way would lead to destruction and separation and not to unification. So, the only hope is mutual collaboration based on utmost goodwill. This trend of thinking has resulted in the emergence of the idea of forming a World State. Nature's will has created the circumstances for man to think on this line. This had led to the formation of League of Nations and later U. N. O. But, the latter like the former had become more or less an oligarchy of big nations—as so aptly has been explained by Sri Aurobindo in *The Ideal of Human Unity*. Therefore, man has begun to find out ways and means to get rid of the shortcomings of the U. N. O. which has led the thinkers of different countries of the world to assemble in a World Constituent Assembly to adopt a Constitution for the Federation of Earth.

Thereafter Dr. Ghosh quoted from his memory relevant lines from Sri Aurobindo and explained that the triple ideals that mankind got hold of during the French Revolution—Liberty, Equality and Fraternity were the Godheads of the soul. Fraternity was the key by which the doors of the vaster world could be opened where mankind could live in Liberty enjoying Equality.

So a World State has to be set up on a sound footing and that sound footing is Fraternity, the realization of the Truth that the people of the earth were children of the same Father.

The President further added that Sri Aurobindo had clearly stated that the present U. N. O. was not itself final, it was only an imperfect beginning; the next stage in a movement of this kind was a World State.

Dr. Ghosh conveyed his heart-felt felicitations to those who had been untiringly endeavouring to constitute a World Government for the last two decades. "Whatever be the structure of the government", Dr. Ghosh concluded, "it has to be seen that the steering of the machinery is in the hands of those who sincerely believe in spiritual comradeship among individuals and nations."

Sri T. K. Sinha, Secretary, World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal, proposed a vote of thanks to the chair, the distinguished participants and the assembly.

Wolfach Ratifies

***Across Frontiers*, a Newsletter published by World Constitution and Parliament Association, in its December 1977 issue gives the following information:-**

The 18 members of the Town Council of Wolfach, Germany, meeting on the 25th of October, 1977, unanimously ratified the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. Each member of the Council as well as the Mayor, signed the ratification papers prepared by Emil Peter, local citizen of Wolfach and Chairman of the Ratification Commission of the World Constitution and Parliament Association. The report of ratification was conveyed in a letter from Mayor Arthur Martin to Mr. Peter.

Wolfach is the small town in South-Western Germany near the Swiss border where half the 1968 sessions of the World Constitutional Convention and Peoples World Parliament were held. It was in meeting rooms of the Town Hall of Wolfach that work was first begun by delegates from 11 countries of 5 continents on the draft which is now known as the Constitution for the Federation of Earth.

Before the sessions at Wolfach in 1968, this community had taken official action to declare itself a "United Nations City", and regularly flies the UN flag as well as the flag of the German Federal Republic.

Ratification by the Wolfach Town Council, the first such action to be taken anywhere, is one step in the campaign being developed by Emil Peter to have the World Constitution submitted for a final public referendum on ratification by all citizens of Wolfach.

Mr. Peter is also organizer of the World Citizens Party of Germany (Welt-burger-Partei Deutschland) which has incorporated the Earth Constitution into its political program and is assisting in the general ratification campaign.

Advocate General

Sri Mahesh Vepari of Bombay had sent in December 1977 a copy of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth to Mr. R. W. Adik, Advocate General of the Government of Maharashtra and by his reply dated the 16th of December 1977 to Sri Vepari Mr. Adik wrote :

"It was so nice of you to send me a copy of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth adopted at Innsbruck, Austria, in June 1977.

The Constitution is an ideal and wonderful document. The ideals are very high and lofty and the idea of having a Federation of Earth should be very much appreciated. The only way to save the inhabitants of earth from misery and destruction and to retrieve opportunities for happy and meaningful living for all, it is necessary to have Federation of Earth

with the object which is enshrined in article 1 of the Constitution. It is needless to say that it is absolutely necessary in order to preserve human race, to prevent war, secure disarmament and to resolve territorial and other disputes which endanger peace and human race. In view of what is happening in different countries of the world it is equally necessary to protect universal human rights including life, liberty, security, democracy and equal opportunities of life. In order to avoid gulf between the developed and underdeveloped countries it is essential to obtain for all the people on earth conditions required for equitable economic and social development and for social and distributive justice. The object as envisaged in the preamble viz. that the earth's total resources should be equitably used for human welfare and basic human rights and responsibilities should be shared without discrimination is highly laudable.

If the object of Federation of Earth with such an ideal constitution is brought into reality it will be a cure for all human ills, miseries and destruction for ever, and the same will result in having a millennium on the earth.

Observations on the Assembly at Innsbruck

We have before us a copy of a six-page report by Mr. Klaus Schlichtmann of Hamburg, West Germany on Innsbruck-Paris World Conferences of June/July 1977. For want of space we give only the first page of the report: "That there are no 'Patent Solutions' to world problems—as often been said by major world political leaders—applies to and holds true *only* within the limited sphere of the sovereign nation-states. Yet there can be no doubt that there are definite *global solutions* to those problems. The manifold problems confronting Man and His World today cannot be solved on a national basis. International cooperation and interdependent global action are necessary. The emergence of planetary thinking and cosmic consciousness among the people brought about by the fact of our confrontation to an all-round information concerning nuclear power, problems of war, hunger, poverty, depletion of resources, natural and ecological disasters, psychological and physical illness, demand the establishment of supranational organizations, i.e. "World Institutions with limited but real powers . . . to supervise the creation and application of laws and rules for the survival of humanity.

"The World Constituent Assembly (16 to 29 June 1977, Kongresshaus, Innsbruck/Austria), the World Citizens Assembly (25 to 29 June, Innsbruck and 1 to 5 July, Paris/France), and the World Federalists Movement Congress (4 to 10 July, Paris) have raised high hopes that something may be achieved in the near future (and not but in a few hundred years as some people believe), to avert a world-wide catastrophe.

"Perhaps the most significant event was the accepting of the final draft of a 'Constitution for the Federation of Earth', ushering in a new era in peace politics and research. In the words of Philip Isely, Secretary General of World Constitution and Parliament Association, 'Peace Research is no longer necessary, because the arena has been shifted towards ratification and delegating for parliament'."

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Bombay Under the joint auspices of all the centres of World Union in Bombay and Sri Aurobindo Society, Bombay, a talk was given by Sri M. P. Pandit, Chairman, World Union International on Wednesday the 25th of January 1978 at 6:30 P.M. at the premises of Sri Aurobindo Society at Churchgate, Bombay. The subject was "The Mother's Birth Centenary Year". Sri Pandit explained the significance of Birth Centenary Year and referred to various aspects of the Mother's work in relation to the Ashram and the world. He stressed that maximum progress can be made even under pressure of circumstances in the outside world and that the Mother's help was available to all who sincerely aspired for it. He also stated that it was ingratitude to ignore religion, morality and ethics in the context of Mother's work and that the Centenary Year should be a beginning for inward opening for progress. While replying to the questions put at the end of the talk Sri Pandit spoke on the 'Hour of God', 'Psychic Development' and practical work. The talk was attended by a large number of people.

New Alipur The meeting during December 1977 commenced with meditation and Mother's music. Thereafter, the importance of *Karmayoga* was discussed with reference to some passages from Mother's "Prayers and Meditations". In this connection the Mother's message: "The World is Preparing for a Big Change—Will you help?" was mentioned. The meeting ended with a devotional song by Tanuja Mukherjee.

On January 8, 1978 this Centre participated in a gathering of a large number of Centres in Aikya Sammelan at Lakshmi House (a house offered to the Mother) in Calcutta. The programme which was presided over by Sri Pradyut Bhattacharya from the Ashram, commenced with a devotional song by Sri Robi Ghosh. Each Centre presented its history and activity. This was conducted by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee of New Alipur Centre. The afternoon session was presided over by Sri Samar Basu and a committee was formed of representatives of different organizations to celebrate Mother's Birth Centenary jointly throughout West Bengal. The programme ended with a very interesting gymnastic show by boys and children which kept everybody spell-bound.

Ashoknagar The foundation celebration and the Mother's Birth Centenary celebration by this Centre took place on the 22nd of January, 1978 at Ashoknagar Banipith Girls' School from 2:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. The programme included hoisting of Mother's flag by Sri Samar Basu, offering of flowers to the Mother by Dr. J. N. Khan, Chairman of the Centre, Durga Stotra, group meditation, report by Sri G. N. Sarker, Secretary of the Centre, Chairman's address by Dr. J. N. Khan, devotional song by Sri Mrinal Kanti Ghose, speech on World Union by Sri Samar Basu, speech on the Mother by Professor Vivekananda Bhatta-

charjee, recitation and devotional song by Sri Dilip Kumar Dutta, Sri Robi Ghosh and Smt. Kheyali Ghosh. Also, "Giti Alakshya-Mayer Ashirbad" directed by Koomar Mukhopadhyaya, Secretary, Sri Aurobindo's Action, West Bengal, Sri Robi Ghosh and Smt. Kheyali Ghosh. Before closing a vote of thanks was expressed by Lect. B. N. Bhattacharjee, Vice-Chairman, World Union Ashoknagar Centre.


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WORLD-STATE: WHY AND HOW?

Believers in the essential unity of mankind: Let us unite. Let us firmly believe that the natural resources of the planet earth belong to all humanity and through a democratically elected federal world government they should be made equitably available to everyone, everywhere. For this purpose we have to endeavour earnestly to unite mankind, so utterly divided at present that each human group is engaged in pursuit of egocentric policies dictated by national pride, sectional interests and short-term expediency.

To Our Members and Friends

World-State

The Calcutta Review published in its issue of May, 1953, an article on: "The World-State: Why and How?" by Professor Khagendra Chandra Pal, who was then Assistant Professor of economics in the West Bengal Educational Service, Victoria College, Cooch Behar and is now Professor in the Department of Humanities, Bengal Engineering College, Sibpur, Howrah 711103. In appreciation of the fact that such a studied and instructive article on World-State was written by Professor Pal more than twenty-five years ago, we publish its excerpts with his permission:

Definition of the World-State

The idea of the world-state is very simple and can be easily defined. By the nation-state we mean, in the words of Wilson, "a people organised for law within a definite territory". The world-state, therefore, should mean the whole human race so organised that national boundaries do not stand in the way of formulation, interpretation and execution of law. In some shape or other we have already a world-society of nations and individuals working with considerable elasticity and guided by good-will in various fields of voluntary co-operation. But this world-society is not yet a world-state. For there is as yet no provisions for subjection of the world-society to a peaceful way of life by organised compulsion, if necessary; and such subjection is the essence of law and, therefore, of any state. It should not be supposed, however, that we can realise the world-state only by the constitution of a strong armed force for the world. For a state is not merely a scientific organisation for terror. Indeed, as T. H. Green insisted, "Will, not force, is the basis of the state". An armed force in the organisation of a state is only a device for securing economy in the use of force through its monopoly control by the state. Thus the world-state implies a strong fellowship in the whole human race over and above the modern passion for nationalism — a fellowship to be duly protected by force, if necessary.

We are far away from this ideal of the world-state, and the task of establishing it is tremendously difficult. Yet there is support for the cause and there should be no escapism. An increasing number of influential persons have been opening their lips and using their pens in approval of this ideal. Amongst our own countrymen, Dr. H. C. Mookerjee, Governor of West Bengal, Mr. B. R. Sen, our Ambassador to Italy, Mr. S. K. Palliwal, a political leader amongst others, have expressed their enthusiasm for the ideal. In the United States there is an influential United World-federalist Movement for this cause under the presidentship of Mr. Cord Meyer.

World-Peace through Arms and Bases

This support for the ideal of the world-state is based on the fact that this is the most effective means for securing peace and security in the world today. There are, of course, two other methods for securing international peace and security: First, a policy of arms, bases and allies; and, second, a policy of support for the United Nations . . .

It is indeed curious that some of the statesmen of our times who saw through two world wars do not yet see the futility of this policy of arms, bases and allies. They forget that armed forces cannot save our civilisation. Even after bitter experience they ignore that there has been a revolution in the character of war itself due to new weapons, atomic

and bacteriological, and long-range aircraft. The economic cost of any programme based on this policy is immense. The money that could be spent for supplying milk to our children is being wasted for the purpose of poisoning them, or deforming and destroying them. Further, any preparation for war inevitably leads to a steady loss of democratic practices and civil liberties. For any such preparation must imply suppression of all criticisms and a tendency towards the autocratic habits in political life.

When nations pursue this policy, no one of them can really trust the other; and the consequent atmosphere of mutual fear, hysteria and incidents eventually leads to war. If the nations of the world continue to pursue this policy, perhaps the world's most destructive war is in store for us.

World-Peace through the U. N.

The second method of maintaining international peace and security is to pursue a policy of support for the United Nations, a policy often supposed to be quite consistent with the first. There is much to be said for the United Nations. It represents international solidarity for purposes and principles of peace and security, friendliness, justice and cooperation. . . .

Defects in the U. N.

Obviously the United Nations deserves support for the cause of international peace and security. But the defects of the United Nations are so great that it is far from the ideal we should fight for. . . .

All this leads us to conclude that the United Nations is not an effective instrument the maintenance of international peace and security. By all means let us support the United Nations for it goes a long way towards our ideal. But we should do more. . . .

World-Peace through the World-State

The third method of securing international peace and security is that of transforming the United Nations into a World-State...in a federal system. The argument for the world-state is based on the effectiveness of the national state for securing national peace

and security. There are three factors contributing to the effectiveness of the nation-state in this direction : first, loyalty of individuals to the national cause; secondly, solution of differences among individuals in a peaceful way through institutions like the legislature, executive and judiciary; and, thirdly, existence of a neutral and powerful armed force to be used in case of a need only. Obviously, if world-peace is to be as secure as national peace, we must have, first, world loyalty; secondly, world institutions for resolving all differences; and, thirdly, a world army.

But how can we realise these three essential ingredients of the world-state?

So far as the idea of world loyalty is concerned, it is being almost forced on us by circumstances beyond our control. The destructive and constructive powers of modern science compel us to think and act in terms of the whole world as a single unit. An advanced section of our leaders now point out that we belong to the same human race, having the same world as our common territory, professing the same religion of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood and sisterhood of humanity, speaking the same human language which can be easily translated into so many dialects. This tendency towards "worldism" is being accelerated by two additional factors: first the gradual loss of self-sufficiency of nations in the same way as that of groups, territorial or otherwise, within a nation during the period of the evolution of nationalism; and, second, interlocking of individual's interests through association with different nations and the consequent demand for double or triple citizenship within the general scheme of world-citizenship.

To support the idea of "worldism" certain world-wide institutions have also grown up, having similarities to the organs of a state. It is proposed that certain changes in the structures, functions and powers of the different organs of the United Nations could easily lead us towards our ideal, the world-state. The General Assembly, the most representative organ of the United Nations, can be turned into the legislative organ of the world-state by giving it a more representative character. Here various suggestions have been made. If we accept the principle of individual as the unit of representation, it might be roughly suggested that Oceanians, Africans, Americans, Europeans and Asians should have their representatives in the proportion of 1:20:30:60:120, there being roughly 1, 19, 31, 57, 124, crores of persons in the respective regions.¹ Some, however, suggest modifications of this principle, taking into consideration the relative importance of the peoples of the different regions in respect of culture, economics or strategy. Some also suggest that the legislature of the world-state might have a second chamber representing the equal importance of all the nations in the world-today.

A Programme for the World-State

To expedite the realisation of the ideal of the world-state a programme of action could

be laid down. Those who believe in this ideal might be summoned to a conference and might be asked to form a world-wide association with national branches in all parts of the world. Speeches, writings and discussions might be arranged to popularise the ideal. With sufficient popularity the ideal could be made an election issue, and popular demands could be focussed on the legislators. With an assured majority in Parliament we can expect and demand action by the executive head of the state, the President or Prime-Minister. This should be followed by careful and patient negotiations with other nations of the world, specially the Members of the United Nations. Action, then, might be taken under Article 109 of the United Nations Charter to summon a General Conference of the Members of the United Nations for the purpose of reviewing the Charter. Section 3 of that Article provides that the proposal to call such a Conference shall be placed on the agenda of the General Assembly session in 1955 and that the Conference shall be held if so decided by a majority vote of the Members of the General Assembly and by a vote of any seven members of the Security Council. The scheme of the world-state adopted at that Conference would imply certain amendments in the national constitutions to make the evolution of the world-state complete.

Some Difficulties and Favourable Factors

The scheme of the world-state need not be considered unpractical or unrealisable. There are persons who work for it with almost a missionary zeal. The Preamble of the French Constitution of 1946 says, "On condition of reciprocity, France accepts the limitations of sovereignty necessary for the organisation and defence of peace." There is a similar provision in the Constitution of Italy stating that she also can go into a world-federation provided other nations join with it in doing so. Under Article 51 of the Constitution of India it is a Directive Principle of State Policy that "The State shall endeavour to (a) promote international peace and security; (b) maintain just and honourable relations between nations; (c) foster respect for international law and treaty obligations in the dealings of organised peoples with one another; and (d) encourage settlement of international disputes by arbitration." The best way for India to implement this policy is to take up the ideal of the world-state. Support for this ideal has also been expressed by the leaders of public opinion in the U. S. A. , Belgium, Philippines and New Zealand.

The main thing is, of course, to remodel the national will and national force in nation-states in such a way that they may be in consonance with the world will and world force of the world-state. This will mean neutralisation of the nation states for achieving the ideal of the world-state. But such neutralisation need not make any state unhappy.

Switzerland is a neutralised state, having no right to enter into political alliances with other nations or to fight a war except in self-defence. But yet Switzerland is perhaps the happiest nation in the world today. India has also adopted a neutral policy so far as the modern East-West conflict between communism and anti-communism is concerned. And India is not unhappy for that.

Article 9 of the new Constitution of Japan shows that there has been a significant approach towards neutralising states in recent times. That Article states: "Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, the Japanese people for ever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as a means of settling international disputes.

"In order to accomplish the aims of the preceding paragraph land, sea and air forces as well as other war potential will never be maintained. The right of belligerency of the State will not be recognised." Of course, under pressure from power politics among nations Japan's National Police Reserve formed in the middle of 1950 is rapidly assuming the characteristics of new army; and on August 4, 1952 Mr. Yoshida, the Japanese Prime Minister publicly acknowledged that Japan's National Police Reserve is "the cornerstone of the new Japanese army." Japan can be saved from this apparent violation of her Constitution only through the establishment of the world-state.

We should not forget that we shall have to face tremendous difficulties in our onward march towards the ideal of the world-state. As Professor H. J. Laski once said, the ghost of the nation-state will seek feverishly to retain in its hands the ruins of its empire, and a Leviathan—this is Hobbes' description of a modern state—will not amiably take to the hook. The creation of a world-will in the midst of diversities in language, religion and races is itself a gigantic task likely to baffle even the best of our thinkers.

Yet the task is not so baffling as it may appear at first sight. For scientific discoveries mean world-wide communications, and world-wide trade and culture which in its turn imply world-wide control or government. Indeed, this is the inevitable sorites on the basis of which we must work to secure a pathway to peace and security. There must be a world-state to save us at least from the dangers of total annihilation through competitive and unregulated use of atomic bombs. Already the U. S. A. has an atomic stockpile of well over a thousand bombs including weapons with the explosive power of a half a million tons of TNT and others so light that they can be slung over the wings of a jet fighter. An interim model of at least 25 times as powerful as the original bombs dropped on Japan was tested at Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific in the autumn of 1952. It is believed that it is now practicable to have a full-dress hydrogen bomb with a theoretical force a thousand times greater than the first atomic models.

Historical Evolution towards the World-State

Those who work for the ideal of the world-state may also take courage from the law of the evolution that we can derive from the glimpses of world history of the last several thousand years. The modern nation state is a direct descendant of the city or village states of ancient Greece, Rome or India through the feudal states of the Middle Ages and the capitalist states of still later times. It appears every successive generation saw an increase in the boundaries of the states around them with certain exceptions here and there when empires built previously were destroyed by revolutionary forces. To any thoughtful reader of history it must seem that the waves of the evolutionary forces have been bringing on us almost irresistably the principles and institutions of the world-state. More than two thousand years ago Aristotle said that the city state was natural, because it was an out-growth of the individual through the family and the village. A modern Aristotle must say that the World-State is natural; for slowly, painfully and hesitantly, but surely and steadily it is taking shape before our eyes with the gradual weakening of the nation states.

In some form or other the idea of international solidarity side by side with national rivalries has been with us for nearly five centuries. So far as Western Europe, the epicentre of modern world politics is concerned, its map with the two important exceptions of Italy and Germany began to look in the 16th century much as it does today. Already the nation-states of Sweden, Denmark, Holland (Dutch Netherlands), France, Spain, Portugal, Scotland and England had appeared. The rudimentary ideas of worldism subduing or controlling national rivalries gripped the human race when the rise of nation-states transformed the Holy Roman Empire (962 - 1806) from an actual political organisation of Cristendom into an empty shell and legal fiction. As rivalries among nations grew in all parts of the world, the problem of international peace and security became increasingly acute. Erasmus in the 16th century, Cruce, Sully, Grotius and William Penn in the 17th, Rousseau, Bentham and Kant in the 18th were the great intellectual fore-runners of the practical attempts for international solidarity in the 19th and 20th centuries. The Quadruple Alliance, the Hague Conferences, the League of Nations and the United Nations are examples of such attempts.

Well, our goal is still far off. But the distance that we have already covered should sustain us in our journey forward for neutralising all nation states, establishing thus a world-state against which no one could or would declare war.

Constitution for the Federation of Earth

Sri Mahesh Vepari of Bombay had sent to Justice (Mrs.) Sujata V. Manohar of the

High Court of Bombay a copy of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, and the reply dated February 14, 1978 to him reads:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth and other related literature. The Constitution makes very interesting reading. It is perhaps a little premature to think today in terms of a World Federation, but I have no doubt that in the long run, if mankind is to survive, it will be necessary to have some sort of a world body to control all major activities that affect mankind. The Constitution which you have sent to me is, therefore, a step in the right direction and I hope it will help you in making more converts to your idea of a World Federation.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

India Centre—"Second National Convention in Calcutta on 22nd, 23rd and 24th October 1978".

Progress Report No. 1

Sri Samar Basu, the Vice-Chairman, World Union India Centre reports as under:
The Convention shall conduct two Seminars:

(a) World Unity and the Role of India; and (b) the U. N. O. , the World Government and Sri Aurobindo to observe the U. N. day on 24th October, 1978.

The subject of the first Seminar—"World Unity and the Role of India" will be discussed in three sections as under:

1. Indian Philosophy and World Unity
2. Indian Polity and World Unity
3. Indian Education and Culture and World Unity

Seminar participants are to be requested to submit their papers by June 1978 so that the same may be published in the August issue of our journal. The October issue will be a special number on the Convention and the U. N. Day.

The venue and other necessary information will be notified later on.

The members of the Executive Committee of World Union India Centre may meet in April 1978 when the whole matter will be finalised.

Regional Centre, West Bengal The Mother's Birth Centenary was celebrated by organising Seminars for two days on the 10th and 11th of December 1977 at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Calcutta, when eminent professors, educationalists, devotees of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo and active workers of World Union participated. A very attractive and informative brochure giving a brief sketch of the Mother's life and Sadhana as well as detailed programme of the Seminars and themes of discussion was published and sent to all the World Union Centres in India to commemorate this auspicious occasion.

Five subjects were elaborately discussed in the Seminar. On the 10th of December "Swadhyaya" was the subject in the morning session. Dr. Roma Chowdhury, Ex. Vice-Chancellor of Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta, participated as a guest speaker and Sri Sudhangsu Mohon Banerjee presided. Sri T. K. Sinha took part in the discussion. In the evening session the subject was "Education" when Sri M. K. Banerjee, Vice-President of A. I. F. E. A. (East), presided and Sri Samar Basu was the main speaker. Sri Paritosh Mukherjee participated in the discussion.

On 11th December three subjects were discussed during three Seminars-- in the morning, afternoon and evening sessions. The subjects were: "Sanskrit Language", "Health" and "Human Unity." In the morning session Dr. Dhyanesh Narayan Chakravarty, Senior Professor of Sanskrit, Rabindra Bharati University, was the guest speaker and Sri Kalikinkar Sengupta, an erudite thinker and litterateur of West Bengal presided. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharjee participated in the discussion. In the afternoon session Dr. G. R. Mitra conducted the Seminar on "Health", and Dr. Arun Sil was the guest speaker. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee participated in the discussion. "Human Unity" was the subject in the evening session when Dr. R. C. Ghosh, Head of the Department of Political Science, Calcutta University, (Retd.), presided and Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharjee was the main speaker. Sri Samar Basu took part in the discussion.

The Seminars were inaugurated by Dr. Debi Prasad Sen, Head of the Department of Philosophy, Burdwan University, and Sri S. K. Gupta, Chairman of World Union Uttarpara Centre welcomed the participants and members attending the Seminars. Sri Samiran Ghosh, Secretary of World Union Calcutta Centre proposed a vote of thanks.

On both days the cultural programmes were presented in the evening. On the first day the member artistes of World Union North Calcutta Centre offered musical drama "Keno Ai Ma", (why is this Mother), composed specially on the life and Sadhana of the Mother.

On the second day another fascinating musical drama was presented on behalf of the Regional Centre, by members of North Calcutta centre. The theme of the drama very cleverly incorporated the subjects of the Seminar at the same time making it entertaining and emotionally appealing. Relevant messages from the Upanishads were also offered in sweet and melodious vocal songs.

Sri Samar Basu summed up the discussions at the end of the Seminars and a two years programme for implementing the suggestions was drawn up.

Butwal During January 1978 regular weekly meetings were held and attempts were made for a deeper understanding and implementing of the aims and objects of World Union. One of the talks was on "How to Realise the Truth of the Spirit" in which the speaker Sri S. N. Bhende emphasised the importance of Surrender to the Supreme entity and stressed four points which can help to achieve the aim. These four being: (i) All things shall be considered to belong to the Almighty and offered to Him; (ii) To be happy and content at all times considering all events as His; (iii) To be obedient to follow or implement all the activities according to His order; and (iv) To remember Him and Him only at all times. Sri M. C. Barali, Sri N. D. Gupta, and others expressed their views on the subjects discussed in various meetings.

As Sri S. N. Bhende, the Secretary/President of the Centre was to be transferred to Nagpur the members of the Centre unanimously elected Sri R. J. Rajender as President and Sri N. D. Gupta as Secretary.

Uttarpara The 54th monthly meeting of World Union Uttarpara Centre was held on Saturday the 11th of February 1978 at 4:00 P. M. at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith, Uttarpara. Sri S. K. Gupta presided. After a devotional song offered by Km. Banani and Nabanita and group concentration for three minutes, Sri Samar Basu explained why "Mahasaraswati" was selected as a subject for discussion in the Seminar. Then Sri Shyamal Chakravarty read out a famous poem of an eminent Bengali poet Satyendra Nath Datta on "Mahasaraswati". Sri Samar Basu read out from "The Mother" - the aspect of Mahasaraswati and Km. Banani Dasgupta read its Bengali version. Then Sri Basu elucidated the reasons for the Mother's embodiment and how She works through Her four attributes, with special stress on "Mahasaraswati".

The meeting terminated at 6:00 P. M. with a closing song.

Chakraberia High School The Centre commemorated the Mother's Centenary Day on the 16th of February 1978 in the School Hall, Sri K. N. Das presiding. The programme included discussion on the subject "Meditation and its influence on Education". After meditation with Mother's music and offering of garland to the Mother's portrait, two students Smt. Subir Banerjee and Gautam Banerjee read out excerpts from the Mother's

writings. Dr. Mantu Mitra read out the "Durga Stotra" of Sri Aurobindo. Sri T. N. Bera spoke elaborately on the life and Divinity of Sri Ma -- The Mother.

The discussion on meditation was opened by Sri D. N. Bhattacharya quoting stories from Vivekananda. Sri Mohan Mitra read out extracts on *Silence* and *Meditation* from the writings of Sri Ma and Sri Aurobindo. Sri J. Sengupta emphasized the importance of actual practice of meditation than talking or reading about it. He advised the students as well as the teachers to try and practise it for a few minutes every day and to reject it after one month if they find that it has no influence on personality and mental activities. That the students were taking keen interest was confirmed from their enquiries about the actual method of practicing it.

The Chairman, Sri K. N. Das expressed appreciation and satisfaction that the solemn day was observed in such a befitting manner and took active part in the discourse. The function came to a close with a Sitar recital by Smt. Gobinda Dey accompanied by Smt. Jatindra Banerjee at the Tabla. Dr. Mantu Mitra thanked the audience and the participants on behalf of the Centre.

Calcutta The report of the monthly meeting for October 1976, when Sri Arun Kishore Mukherjee acted as Chairman, was received during the later half of February 1978. The meeting commenced with a Tagore song by Sri Dharanath Chatterjee and meditation for five minutes.

Sri J. C. Saha referred to the preliminary function on world unity through music celebrated with Sri Arun Kumar Chatterjee who had shown his outstanding talent by way of singing Tagore songs in different foreign languages like English, German, French, Arabic, Spanish, etc., and proposed to organise a function with him in November 1977. This proposal was approved.

Regarding the proposed World Union Travel Service, it was unanimously decided to take up the project and start its activities with immediate effect.

It was unanimously decided that Sreemati Dhira Basu and Sreemati Chhaya Chatterjee would be entrusted with the necessary power and authorisation on behalf of World Union, Calcutta Centre to organise and put into practice the model educational programmes of Sri Aurobindo Ashram as started by Sri Aurobindo Siksha Samsad set up by Sri Samar Basu and in consultation or cooperation with the said Sri Aurobindo Siksha Samsad.

The members and devotees of the Centre were in favour of developing economic projects as part of World Union activities and expected the Economic Research and Development Forum of their Centre to investigate the various possibilities.

The first meeting of the Forum for International Peace and Friendship formed by the Calcutta Centre was held on 4th June 1977 at 6:00 P.M. at the Conference Room of Benoy Sarkar Institute of Social Science, Calcutta, when Sri Nripen Chowdhury presided.

The main speaker was Dr. K. S. Joshi, Prof. of Sagar University, Madhya Pradesh and the subject for discussion was "International Friendship through Yoga". Sri Jagadish Chandra Saha, Director-cum-Secretary of the said Forum, introduced its aims and objects and scope of its activities in the light of Sri Aurobindo's and the Mother's ideals. Sri L. N. Datta, the Chairman of the Centre expounded the theme "All Life is Yoga" in the vision of Sri Aurobindo.

Dr. K. S. Joshi mentioned that since early ages God has become part of life in India. However, at present we are passing through a stage governed by science and technology where material comforts and worldly pleasures were over emphasised with less attention to the spiritual and ethical aspects of life. This has resulted in considerable disequilibrium which can only be set right by sufficient turning towards spirituality with the help of Yoga. Sri Nripen Chowdhury similarly stressed on the need of Yoga for getting complete harmony between body and mind of the human being. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks by Sri Madan Mohan Chandra.

Bangalore The ninth general body meeting of Bangalore Centre was held on the 5th of March 1978 at the Karnataka Arya Vysya Maha Sabha Hall, Bangalore, when the report of the work done and the statement of Income and Expenditure for the year 1977 and the budget for year 1978 were presented to the meeting. Election of the new working committee was also held. The report referred the dynamic leadership of Sri Thandaveswara who introduced many new features in the working of the Centre. During the year 1977 many eminent scholars of various professions participated in the monthly programmes of the Centre. World Union Day was commemorated on the 20th of August 1977, the theme of which was "World Union as a Family". The Centre worked for the ideals of world unity in association with other like-minded organizations and participated in several conferences and meetings held by other organizations. Arrangements were made during the year 1977 for holding a one-day National Seminar on "World Union Converging Paths" which was conducted on the 8th of January 1978. Sri M. P. Pandit who had visited Bangalore and met the members of the Bangalore Centre, was apprised of the functioning of the Centre and its activities. Sri Pandit expressed high hopes and expectations that the Bangalore Centre will maintain leadership in the World Union movement and will prove an example to other Centres. Audited statement of accounts for the year 1977 was adopted and the new working committee was elected.

The names of the office-bearers elected for the year 1978-79 are:-

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| 1. President | . . . Sri Thandaveswara |
| 2. Vice-Presidents | . . . Dr. T. Prasannasimha Rao
Sri M. Munivenkatappa |

3. Members of the working

committee . . . Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana
Sri H. S. Narayana Setty
Smt. Bhuvaneswari Ramaswamy
Sri M. K. Rameswaram
Sri H. K. Shantavearappa
Sri B. Venkata Rao

Sri Thandaveswara thanked the office-bearers and members for the cooperation extended to him during his office for the year 1977 and assured them that he will try to fulfil the trust and confidence placed in him by them. The meeting came to a close with a vote of thanks by Sri H. S. Narayana Setty, the Secretary of the Centre.

New Centre

Chandigarh This Centre was opened on the Mother's Centenary Day, the 21st of February 1978, by Sri I. M. Mal assisted by Miss Diksha. Sri Mal is the former Secretary of World Union Butwal Centre, now transferred to India. Dr. Ram Murthi Sharma, a scholar in Vedanta in Punjab University, Chandigarh, and four students were present at the opening function which was held at the residence of Sri M. M. Mal from 7:00 P. M. to 8:45 P. M. The proceedings started with two minutes meditation and homage to the Mother. Sri I. M. Mal explained the aims and objects of World Union as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo. Dr. Ram Murthi Sharma gave the glimpses of Vedantic philosophy as expounded by Sri Shankaracharya and Sri Aurobindo. He also discussed Gita in general and also in the light of scientific facts. Sri Mahipal Sharma, an ex. lecturer in science, discussed the subject with scientific examples. Interest arose when they attempted a reconciliation between spiritual truths and scientific facts. Sri Mal pointed out that in the Mother's vision it is inevitable that Matter and Spirit co-exist in harmony. Thereafter, the subject "AHAM BRAHMAN ASMI" (I am the Divine) was discussed from various angles with Sri Mal taking the lead. He also gave a life-sketch of the Mother. Light refreshments were served in the end.

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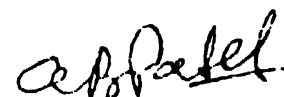
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General Secretary
18th March 1978



NEW WORLD—NEW AGE

Humanity is passing through a unique period of transition and many upheavals occur as a result of clashes between the forces of new creation and those of maintaining status quo. Each of us have the freedom to choose which we will follow. With the struggle for power between the forces shaping a new world order and those dissolving the old world order, many conditions arise which bring on calamities. We must fully remember that Positive Good is always in command, no matter how bleak conditions may appear. We are living in a time of change—the end days—when 'old' standards are being wiped out while 'new' or re-newed attitudes replace what is 'worn and tattered'. There could be no cause for alarm; but only for rejoicing that a New World is taking shape and a New Age is on the threshold.

To Our Members and Friends

World Constitution and Parliament Association: West Bengal Local Chapter

The promotion of World Government helps the evolution of a New World. Actions taken in support of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, adopted at Innsbruck in June 1977 by a World Constituent Assembly, helps the forces which shape a new world. West Bengal has taken a lead in promoting the Local Chapter of the World Constitution and Parliament Association. For the purpose a meeting was convened by Sri Samar Basu, a member of the India Committee of WCPA, on Sunday, the 2nd April 1978 at the Hall of Sri Aurobindo Pathamandir, Calcutta. The meeting commenced after concentration for a few minutes. At the outset Sri Basu stated that in pursuance of the First Five-Year Plan adopted along with "The Constitution for the Federation of Earth", the India Branch of the Association was set up by a meeting held on 16th October 1977 at New Delhi and presided by Sri A. B. Patel, with a view to making all necessary arrangements to obtain the Ratification of the Constitution by the Government and people of India. In the subsequent meeting of the

India Branch held in New Delhi on 21st December 1977 under the presidentship of Sri G. Murahari, Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, the necessity for constituting State branches for carrying out the work in different States were felt and accordingly, the responsibility for forming the 'Local Chapter' of the Association in West Bengal was entrusted to Sri Samar Basu. Long before this development, however, Sri Basu, on coming back from Europe, had discussed the matter with his colleagues in World Union and friends in universities and held a Convention and had presented a report on the World Constituent Assembly to the head of the Ruling Party in West Bengal. He also conducted a Seminar for getting various aspects of the Constitution discussed by experts of the Universities and letting the matter known to the intelligentsia of Calcutta. "And now", Sri Basu continued, "the time has come favourable to form the Local Chapter".

Composition of the Local Chapter: Sri Samar Basu reports:

He submitted a list to the meeting and requested Prof. K. C. Pal to take the chair. With the approval of the meeting Prof. Pal took the chair and read out the names of persons from the list submitted by Sri Samar Basu.

2. The names were approved by the meeting whereupon it was resolved that the West Bengal Local Chapter of WCPA, 1480 Hoyt Street, Suite 31, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, U. S. A. be constituted with the following persons— with power of co-option:-

1. Prof. K.C. Pal, B. E. College/Shibpur, Howrah 711103
2. Prof. Nripendra Lal Mitra, Law College, Burdwan 713101
3. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Baranagar, Calcutta 700050
4. Sri Samar Basu, Uttarpara, Bhadrakali 712232
5. Sri Saila Kr. Mitra (Advocate) Burdwan 713101
6. Sri T. K. Sinha, Calcutta 700004
7. Sri P. K. Banerjee, Hind Motor 712235
8. Sri R. R. Agarwal, Bally 711103
9. Sri Sukumar Roy, Sodepur
10. Dr. G. R. Mitra, Asansol 713301
11. Dr. Arun Kumar Sil, Calcutta 700005

3. Thereafter the following persons were selected by the house as the Office-Bearers of the Local Chapter:

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| 1. Prof K. C. Pal | ... Chairman |
| 2. Prof. N. L. Mitra | ... Vice-Chairman |
| 3. Sri P. P. Bhattacharya | ... Vice-Chairman |
| 4. Sri Samar Basu | ... General Secretary & Treasurer |
| 5. Sri Saila Kumar Mitra | ... Asst. General Secretary |
| 6. Sri T. K. Sinha | ... Asst. General Secretary |

4. Resolved further that Dr. R. C. Ghosh be the ADVISER.

5. Until suitable accommodation was available in Calcutta, it was resolved that the Office of the Local Chapter be at 24 Haranathpur Road, P. O. Bhadrakali 712232, the residence of the General Secretary. Dr. Arun Sil's offer to use his chamber at 26 Waterloo Street, Calcutta, (Phone: 231042) was accepted by the house with applause.
6. As approved by Mr. Philip Isely, the Secretary General of the WCPA, USA., the annual Membership fee of the Local Chapter was fixed at Rs.25/- payable at the beginning of each year.
7. From April to March be the financial year of the Local Chapter for all purposes.

8. Programme for Ratification Campaign:

After long discussion on the subject the following programme for Ratification Campaign was drawn up and approved by the house:

- (a) to get the declaration and universal call for ratification form together with the Form for Five-Year Plan printed and signed by the citizens of India.
- (b) to contact political correspondents (and/or other eminent writers) attached to different Newspapers – both English and Bengali – and get suitable articles on the Constitution written by them and published in their Dailies.
- (c) to acquire copies of the Constitution from Pondicherry and get them sold/ offered to interested persons to enable them to sign the Declaration Form.
- (d) to secure programme of talks on the subject in Radio and/or T.V.
- (e) to contact by personal approach the M.P.s and M.L.A.s and convince them so that they may bring out a bill in Parliament for discussion on and Ratification of the Constitution.
- (f) to print attractive pamphlets for distribution among the University teachers and the members of the Bar Association and interested and responsible citizens in India.
- (g) to hold Regional Conferences from time to time to intensify the work-in-progress.
- (h) to take up any other method and/or derive any other ways and means for carrying on the work more and more effectively.

9. Sri Samar Basu suggested that to carry on the movement more effectively a few ,M.P.s, M.L.A.s and University professors might be requested to become Honorary Members of the Association and the house endorsed his views. Thereupon it was resolved that the Members would take suitable action to contact the following M.L.A.s, M.P.s and eminent persons and do the needful accordingly:-

- (1) Sri Prafulla Chandra Sen, M.P., (2) Prof. Samar Guha, M.P., (3) Prof. Dilip ,Chakravarty M.P., (4) Sri Raj Krishna Daw; M.P., (5) Sri Kashi Kanto Moitra, (6) Prof. Nirmal Basu, (7) Prof. Sambhu Ghosh, M.L.A., (8) Dr. Radha Raman Chakravarty, Burdwan University, (9) Dr: Birendra Nath Goswami, Calcutta University, (10) Prof. Sankar Dutta, Rabindra Bharati

University, (11) Dr. S. L. Mukherjee, Rabindra Bharati University, (12) Dr. Sisir Kumar Ghosh, Viswa Bharati, Santiniketan, (13) Sri Narayan Chowdhury, Burdwan, (14) Prof. Haripada Bharati, M.L.A., (15) Dr. Chittaranjan Bosistha, (16) Dr. Rama Ranjan Mukherjee, (17) Sri Niranjana Sengupta, Jugantar, (18) Sri Gopal Bhowmick, Basumati—Chief Editor, (19) Sri Nirendra Chakravarty, Ananda Bazar Patrika.

The following names were suggested by Prof. Nripendralal Mitra for inclusion in the list of Honorary Members and were approved by the house.

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| (1) Sri Gour Kishore Ghosh | ... | An eminent Journalist
attached to DESH (A Weekly)
and ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA. |
| (2) Dr. Amlan Dutta | .. | An erudite Professor,
Author of many books on
Economics & Politico-
Economic subjects. |
| (3) Sri Niranjana Halder | ... | A famous Journalist. |

10. Miscellaneous

Under this Agenda, Prof. K. C. Pal suggested that arrangements be made to get the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, *translated into a few major languages in India* viz.—Bengali, Hindi, Gujarathi, Marathi, & Tamil. It was decided that the India Branch be requested to think over the matter.

11 The following persons have become ordinary members of the Local Chapter:- (1) Sri Samiran Ghosh, (2) Sri Samir Ghatak, (3) Smt. Minu Roy, and (4) Sri Madan Mohan. They paid their annual subscription.

12. With a vote of thanks to the chair and authority of Sri Aurobindo Pathamandir, the meeting terminated at about 12:00 noon.

DECLARATION FORM

West Bengal Local Chapter, 24 Haranathpur Road, P. O. Bhadrakali 712232, Dt: Hooghly, West Bengal, invites every citizen of India to participate in this great campaign for the Ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth and to sign the following Declaration Form. It can be obtained from the Local Chapter and signed by five persons at a time and returned.

We, the undersigned responsible citizens of India, having carefully read the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, as adopted by the World Constituent Assembly held under

the auspices of the World Constitution and Parliament Association, Colorado, U.S.A., during 16th to 29th June 1977, in Innsbruck, Austria, have now become firmly convinced that a World Government has to be constituted in accordance with the provisions laid down in the said Constitution to save this Planet Earth from utter destruction and make her a happy and peaceful abode of human kind and its posterity. Therefore, we do hereby declare our sincere allegiance to the World Government, which is in the making and solemnly ratify the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. We also hope that the Government of India will come forward in an endeavour to ratifying the said Constitution, since India has always been a lover of peace and a progressive country of the world.

Serial Number.	Full Name (in block letters).	Complete present Postal Address.	Signature with date.
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World Disarmament

A special Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations will meet from 23rd May 1978 to discuss the problem of disarmament, when many heads of the national states will make eloquent speeches in favour of stopping the arms race, to abolish nuclear weapons and to reduce even conventional arms. The cost of armies and armaments of the whole world has already reached a staggering figure of about 400 billion dollars every year, 60% of which is spent by the two super powers. About 20 billion dollars are spent every year in research for more deadly weapons, for which purpose about 400,000 scientists and engineers are working. We wish that the General Assembly of the U.N., will find a way for not only stopping the arms race but to substantially reduce armies and armaments of the world, including nuclear arms, though it is commonly said that the political leaders have neither the will nor capacity to take effective steps for disarmament. It seems as if a kind of collective insanity has gripped the world, and we are living through an era of militarization of practically all societies. We have received in this connection an article by Mr. Guy W. Meyer, USA "When Governments Fail People Must Act" and a Declaration "Peoples World Disarmament" for publication :

When Governments Fail People Must Act :

Is disarmament an urgent problem, as some believe, or is it not, as others believe ?

POSTULATES

1. The following proposition is based on the assumption that disarmament *is urgent*.

It is needless to take the space here to justify this assumption.

2. There has been no real progress in effecting disarmament.
3. The goals and attitudes that support the arms race include: nationalism, glorification of violence, competition, materialism, fear --of starvation, poverty, violence, oppression. (Because of these values, held by the vast majority, decisions by government leaders to move toward effective disarmament would be politically suicidal.)
4. While pressures must undoubtedly be kept on governments to prevent extremist adventurism, we should not deceive ourselves into thinking we are advancing the cause of disarmament, however politically active we may be, until and unless we are acting visibly and measurably to change mega-culture values from nationalism to pan-humanism (world citizenship), from competition to cooperation, to the sharing of resources, universally guaranteed "livingry", to planetary consciousness, and reverence for life.
5. The most effective vehicle for changing values is a visible *movement*, such as the Civil Rights Movement, Women's Lib. etc. A movement becomes visible when the adherents to the new values openly challenge the status quo with active recruitment, songs, celebrations, emblems, divergent acts, contrasting life styles, and other symbols.
6. *At present there is no visible movement for replacing the armed nation-state system with an unarmed world community.* There are, however, some embryonic roots of such a Movement. These include world government, world constitution, and world citizens' organizations, peace and weapons-conversion organizations. More visible aspects of such a Movement are the environmental, personal growth, and racial and sexual equality movements.

Therefore, to initiate the launching of such a World Movement, I propose that the following actions be put into effect immediately. *Since governments cannot and will not take any real steps toward disarmament, it is up to individuals, particularly the young, to move in this direction.*

What does this mean? It means that we must make a commitment to have no more to do with militarism, nor with group violence of any kind, for all are equally justified—or unjustified.

Such a commitment, however, offers no challenge to the status quo until it becomes publicly known. Therefore, it requires some form of public declaration. (See sample published by the New World Society).

If any considerable number of young people from 16 to 35 years of age were to put their names on such a declaration, and if the government and media received copies of the signed manifesto, this would constitute a real challenge to the nation-state "Fear World". Controversy would arise and the Movement would become visible.

The reluctance of these "drop-outs" to defend their nation-state would require justification, providing them with the opportunity of describing their aspired-to-new-world, to whose establishment they would have transferred their loyalty and commitment. Soon an inspiring and challenging alternative to Militarism-Nationalism would emerge to the awareness of the world's people.

Of course, in the beginning the number of signatories would be small, as only the fearless, convinced, and committed would dare hurl this challenge to the sacred centers of violence and power.

Older people who might be willing to sign would naturally be regarded with amusement, since they are not fit tools for the military. *However, if they are active signature-gatherers and persuaders of the young, appearing at youth gatherings, rock concerts, near high schools and colleges, etc., their activities and their cause become visible.* They are seen to present a threat (a *challenge*, we would say) to the Establishment and explanations will be demanded.

At this stage of controversy we shall see increased visibility and appeal of the Movement. Soon the hopeful but sceptical will become involved. Various symbols to identify supporters of the Movement will emerge.

Politicians will begin to take notice and make real attempts to accomplish the goal of disarmament and world unity. So long as they think they have votes for election, or re-election, they are more likely to resist other pressures.

For such a Movement to take form there is no need to await *The Leader* or *The Appropriate Occasion*—no need to wait at all. A grass-roots stirring of activity will unearth plenty of leaders and appropriate occasions.

The need is urgent, and the time is ripe (if not over-ripe). Let us step out of the Fear World, with its violence, waste, and national loyalties, and into the New World of human unity, creativity, and reverence for Life.

Peoples World Disarmament

Inasmuch as the military has planned, prepared, and armed itself with the means of destroying all life,

constitutes an international conspiracy against the lives of our children,

is designed not to protect, but to destroy life and goods, and

Inasmuch as a New World of unprecedented freedom, security, and human fulfilment is within the reach of all humans,

We hereby reject as unreasonable and outmoded all militarism and violence, all loyalties to nations, races, and ideologies that call for destruction and division, calling some friends and others enemies.

We proclaim that all people are and of right ought to be members of one human family, free from the oppression of militarism.

We pledge our loyalty and our efforts to building the New World that is to be, a world of peoples undivided, though varied as to ways of life and expressions of belief, a world that recognizes the right of all humans to an adequate share of Earth's resources, the right to freedom of movement, communication, and mutual care.

We join in publishing our names and our commitment to those in political authority, to

social and family relations, and to all others who would judge our intentions and actions.

Trusting in and appealing to the deep, universal conscience of our fellow-humans,

We sign ourselves,

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

India Centre---"Second National Convention in Calcutta on 22nd, 23rd and 24th October, 1978".

Progress Report No. 2

(a) Sri T. N. Singh, Governor of West Bengal, will be requested to inaugurate the Convention.

(b) The International Centre has already applied for obtaining Railway Concession for the delegates attending the Convention in Calcutta.

(c) The delegate fee including Registration, boarding and lodging charges has been fixed at Rs. 30.00 and that for observers with lunch has been fixed at Rs. 15.00 and without lunch at Rs. 5.00.

(d) All delegates to the Convention will be the guests of the World Union, Regional Centre, West Bengal.

(e) The Convention shall conduct two Seminars on 22nd, 23rd and 24th October, 1978. Details will be published in the June 1978 issue.

You are requested to enrol members for the Reception Committee from your area, —fee being Rs. 100.00, —who will be considered as delegates also. The names are requested well in time to be printed in the Souvenir to be released for the occasion. You are also requested to send names of eminent persons of your area who may be contacted for participation in the Convention by contributing papers or conveying messages of good wishes.

Bangalore The list of the office-bearers for the year 1978-79 published in the April '78 issue of Focus was incomplete. The complete list received later is as under:-

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| 1. President | ... | Sri Thandaveswara |
| 2. Vice-Presidents | ... | (1) Dr. T. Prasannasimha Rao
(2) Sri M. Munivenkatappa |
| 3. Secretaries | ... | (1) Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana
(2) Sri M. K. Rameswaram |
| 4. Hony. Treasurer | ... | Sri H. K. Shantaveerappa |

5. Members of the Working Committee:

- (1) Sri P. V. Rajagopal, Ex.Officio
- (2) Prof. N. S. Govinda Rao, Ex.Officio
- (3) Sri H. S. Narayana Setty
- (4) Sri B. Venkata Rao
- (5) Smt. Bhuvaneswari Ramaswamy

Bombay Reports through Sion Centre:-

(1) Prof. M. V. Ramchandran, the Honorary World Union Lecturer, visited Bombay where he gave a talk on "Mother and World Unity" on 17th March 1978 at Sri Aurobindo Centre, 'Sahakar'. The main points covered by him were as under:-

Development of world events clearly portend a gradual pressure towards world unity which seems to evolve out of present crisis and confusion. We must be careful to see that the heart dominates over the intellect for it is through heart only i.e., through love and compassion that Unity forces itself in action. Sri Shankara abdicated everything and yet in a spirit of love went on preaching the doctrines and Sri Ramanuja divulged the secret "Gurumantra" to all who wanted to follow him. Even Christ and Buddha through compassion and love served mankind. A recent survey conducted by some world organization shows that in India 92% of the people have some kind of faith in the higher Divinity while the next country is America having 52% and Europe under 25%. This indicates Indians' leading trait and destiny. In the spiritual writings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother we find true solace and hope for the future.

(2) World Union along with four other organizations mentioned below was a participant in a Seminar on 9th April, 1978 on the subject "Spirituality as the Basis of human Integration" at Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Bombay, to mark the 111th anniversary of Prarthana Samaj and 150th anniversary of Brahmo Samaj. Justice Chandavarkar presided. The participating institutions were: (a) Bombay Prarthana Samaj (b) World Union; (c) Indian Institute of World Culture; (d) The Renaissance Universal and (e) The Theosophical Society. Mr. Rajesh Vaish led the discussions. In his long inaugural address Mr. Vaish narrated the leading development of world scientific thought today upholding the reliance on the unknown factors and the present day thinkers coming to a conclusion that spirituality is the only way from which the present world crisis could be solved. He quoted extensively from various authors and thinkers. Justice Chandavarkar expressed the need for the older institutions to reassert themselves again for the present day society and work for the betterment of the nation. Mr. Gokhale, who represented the Institute of Nation Building, stressed the need for a common unitary approach from the present approach of specialist view point; to conceive the otherman's view and have an integral approach towards the total development of the Society. Mr. H. Shivramkrishnan spoke about the Indian lore, the Upanishadic and Vedantic view points. Mr. K. N. Shenoy (World Union) expatiated on Indian Renaissance Movement in the last century and the part played by Sri Aurobindo in the reawakening and enkindling the nation towards higher spiritual ideals. Mr. K. R. Hegde (World Union) spoke about the basis of Indian Spirituality

and outlined a few methods to achieve the integration as per the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and the deep symbolism of the Indian tradition. Father Pereira, who was the last speaker, expressed the view that it is a fact like a miracle that five organizations representing different outlooks meet on a common platform and try to integrate each other's views for a richer experience. Such a development is only possible in the present age and this indeed is no less than a miracle itself and a clear indication for the development of world spirituality.

Summing up, Justice Chandavarkar said that all the organizations feel the need to reassert and serve the nation more vigorously at the present crisis of the world. He felt the need for such meetings for a better integration of individuals and society. By knowing each other we grow into each other and enlarge our consciousness. This development and urge has been already predicted by Sri Aurobindo in the last chapters of Life Divine – that in development of such gnostic societies lies the future hope of the world.

Uttarpara The 55th monthly Seminar of this Centre was held on Saturday, the 11th of March 1978 at 5:30 P.M. at the Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith, Uttarpara, presided by Sri S. K. Gupta. After group concentration for three minutes the student members of the Centre and Sri Samar Basu conducted a Symposium on "The Purpose of the Mother's Embodiment". Kumari Shampa and Banani discussed the subject very aptly and, in support of their explanation, quoted from memory relevant lines from the words of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. Sri Basu guided and led them to the conclusion. It was a very interesting Symposium.

The 56th monthly Seminar was held on 8th April, 1978 at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith at 6:00 P.M. Sri S. K. Gupta presided. Sri Nirmal Kumar Roy spoke on "The teachings of Sri Ramkrishna and the Life and Sadhana of Swami Vivekananda." Sri Roy presented this interesting subject in a very attractive way and elucidated significant events of the life of the great master and his great disciple.

Sri Aurobindo Siksha Samsad arranged a very solemn programme on 14th April, 1978 at Sri Aurobindo Pathmandir, Calcutta, to observe the Mother's Birth Centenary. Earlier they had invited self-written essays on "The Mother and the New World" from the students of different schools. The students read out their essays paying homage to the Mother. The essay by Km. Sravani Chakravarty of Burdwan Municipal Girls' High School was specially appreciated.

The student members of Uttarpara Centre conducted a Symposium on "The Purpose of the Mother's Embodiment". At the outset Sri Samar Basu read out the messages received from Sri Nolinida and Sri A. B. Patel from Sri Aurobindo Ashram. Sri B. K. Bhattacharya, District Social Education Officer, Howrah and Hooghly, presided.

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WORLD UNION

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WORLD CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AT COLOMBO AND SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION AT CALCUTTA

Higher Consciousness recognizes and lives the ideal of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"—mankind is one family. To a world citizen, to a universal man, to a believer in the essential unity of mankind, all human beings living on the planet earth are brothers and sisters; they all belong to planet earth and to address or call any of them as "Foreigners" shows lack of proper consciousness. Time has come when the word "Foreigner" is out of date and its use exhibits narrow mind and heart. Time-Spirit demands efforts to realize the oneness of creation.

To Our Members and Friends

Three important meetings took place within a week, two at Pondicherry and one at Bangalore.

Sri Lanka Branch of the World Constitution and Parliament Association had convened a regional meeting of Pakistan, Bangladesh Thailand, Indonesia, India and Sri Lanka at Pondicherry on 22nd April 1978 at 2:30 P. M. The meeting was held at the Ashram "New Guest House" and Shri G. Murahari, Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha presided. Owing to short notice of the meeting and unavoidable reasons delegates from outside India could not attend excepting Dr. T. P. Amarasinghe, the President of Sri Lanka Branch of WCPA who attended and acted as the Secretary of the meeting. Dr. Amarasinghe outlined the work done by WCPA since 1968, when the session of the World Constitutional Convention and Peoples World Parliament met at Interlaken (Switzerland), and Wolfach (West Germany), and the work to draft a Constitution for the Federation of Earth was begun. He traced the history of the drafting of the Constitution until the World Constituent Assembly met at Innsbruck, (Austria), in June 1977 when the final draft was adopted. He said that this meeting was convened to take stock of the work done so far for the Ratification Campaign in this part of the world and to prepare ground for the attendance of the maximum number of delegates and observers at the Colombo session of the World Constituent Assembly to be held from 27th

December 1978 to 3rd January 1979. He hoped that a large number of delegates from South-East Asian countries would attend the Conference at Colombo and help in requesting Sri Lanka to be the first country to adopt the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. He expressed every hope that India will send a large delegation to the Conference.

Shri Murahari gave interesting and valuable information regarding the work needed to be done for Ratification Campaign in India and its prospects. He advised the meeting to continue the work of acquainting the people of the provisions of the Constitution and the need for a democratic federal world government. He informed the meeting of an encouraging development of the introduction of a Private Member's Bill in the Lok Sabha by Shri H. V. Kamath for amending Clause 51 of the Constitution of India (for fuller information see article in the current journal under the caption of "Unique Bill and debate in the Lok Sabha for the promotion of the Federation of the World". Shri Murahari advised to obtain the support for the Constitution of elected bodies like municipalities, town councils and similar representative groups and also of eminent persons in various fields.

The main agenda items of the World Constituent Assembly at Colombo will be: (i) Ratification Campaign by communities and universities; by national legislators and governments; by popular referendum for final ratification by the people; endorsements by prominent persons. (ii) Provisional World Cabinet—composition: the positions, the members, and their functions; platform on major world problems; announcement at 1978 assembly. (This will be a major event of the 1978 World Constituent Assembly.) (iii) Provisional World Parliament—proposed to convene in 1980-81--location and dates; preparations; functions/actions; the call to the Parliament. (iv) Development of the Campaign in Asia and Third World Countries. (v) World-wide organization of the campaign, and next assemblies. (vi) Other items as may be found important.

It is hoped that at least 100 delegates from India will participate in the World Constituent Assembly at Colombo. All those who wish to attend will have to bear their own cost of travel and stay at Colombo and are hereby requested to send their names and addresses with their bio-data to World Union, Pondicherry 605002. They will be informed of the rules they will have to comply with to become delegates to the Assembly. It is intended to arrange the travel to Colombo and back to India through a travel agent by air as well as by surface travel in order to make the journey to Colombo and back as cheap as possible.

Any person intending to attend the World Constituent Assembly can purchase a copy of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth from World Union by remitting Rs. 4. 00.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of World Union

It was held at the Ashram "Parc Guest House" at 9:00 A. M. on 25th April 1978, Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal presiding. At the suggestion of the Chairman Sri A. B. Patel spoke and said that a question is often asked: "What work should be done for World Union?" In reply one may emphasize that the first need is to believe earnestly in the essential unity of mankind and to endeavour to build right human relations in one's family, neighbours, town, city and region and with all those with whom one comes in contact. As a man thinketh so

he becomes. Our thoughts in this work will help us and others. The second is to initiate and/or support all projects which help national integration and the third is to help all projects which increase international understanding and support the formation of a democratic federal world government. We can all promote actively the World Union ideals in this way. In connection with the world government Sri Patel mentioned the happy and encouraging news of a Private Member's Bill introduced by Shri Kamath in the Lok Sabha. (For fuller information see the article in the current journal).

The meeting noted the report of the informal discussions held on 20th February 1978 under the Chairmanship of Sri M.P. Pandit when sixteen members and invitees were present. The report of three pages and a half was prepared by Sri Surendra A. Patel and was circulated for discussion. The purpose of holding those informal discussions was to prepare a background for the Executive Committee meeting to be held on 25th April as it was anticipated that several members will be away or unable to attend. Few points from the report are briefly given : Sri A. B. Patel saw very encouraging signs, trends and movements towards world unity. However, he said that the most important need for establishing human unity and world peace on a spiritual foundation is change in the quality of human beings based on genuine love and goodwill towards others emerging from the depth of one's heart accompanied by new and higher attitudes. The report referred to the progress made to have a World Union building. It also referred to the continuation of "World Union" magazine as a monthly, though at present it was running under a substantial loss, because there was a scope for raising money by securing more advertisements. It was proposed to have a revised pattern for the journal so as to make it interesting for a wider range of people and yet maintaining high quality of contents. In November 1978 World Union will be completing 20 years of activity and it was proposed to present to the readers the survey of these 20 years in a number of articles, and by reprints of past articles of special interest. The report expressed hope that efforts will be made by World Union Centres, members and well wishers to obtain advertisements for the journal in order to meet the loss incurred at present. It was assumed that several World Union Centres can take hints, if necessary, from the organizational activities of Centres reported in the Focus every month. Reference has been made to the Conferences held in the past and it is noted with appreciation and satisfaction that since its formation World Union had done remarkable work in stating, expounding and clarifying all possible aspects of the aims and objects and principles relating to the movement. This has been achieved by a number of activities and also by five triennial World Union Conferences. However, it was felt that a stage has been reached when instead of holding a big conference at a single place it could be split up in small groups in as many countries as possible. Sri Samar Basu and Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya made additional suggestions for improving the working of World Union : (a) The various West Bengal Centres would experiment starting student stores on cooperative basis run by students and other members of the Centres thus providing employment to educated students ; (b) to write and present One-Act-Plays on the subject of "National Integration and World Union" to be staged on special occasions. An inter-centre One-Act-Play competition was also under consideration. It was hoped to present a progress report in the ensuing Second National Convention.

The Annual Report for the year 1977 presented by Sri S.A. Patel referred to the Fifth

Triennial World Union Conference on "The Next Future" held in January 1977, Sri M. P. Pandit's tour to U.S.A. and the delegation of World Union to the World Constituent Assembly held at Innsbruck. It stated: "For the first time in the history of the Earth, a World Constituent Assembly was organized and a Constitution for the Federation of Earth was duly adopted. The organizers conferred a signal honour on Sri A. B. Patel by electing him Co-President of WCPA and specially by making him the first signatory to the Constitution". The meeting adopted the report unanimously with hearty congratulations to the World Union delegates to the World Constituent Assembly at Innsbruck.

As owing to illness of the Honorary Auditor of World Union, the audited accounts for the year 1977 were not ready, arrangement had been made to circulate unaudited accounts giving correct position. After due scrutiny it was agreed that the final audited accounts be considered duly adopted. A vote of thanks to the Honorary Auditor, Sri T.R. Tulasiram was passed for conveying to him.

In reply to a query A. B. Patel informed that the loss per month in running the journal amounted to about Rs. 1,000/-. Therefore, the raising of more funds by securing advertisements to the journal was urgent. He suggested that each Centre should endeavour to appoint advertisement agents in its area on the basis of 30% to 40% commission on the advertisement charges and if a World Union Centre secured any advertisements it will be entitled to receive that commission for its own expenses. All agreed that every possible effort should be made to secure advertisers for the journal. Sri Samar Basu suggested that a page or half be earmarked for "questions and answers"—a new feature. In this feature any question, of course relevant to our movement, could be asked by any member and Sri M.P. Pandit or Sri A.B. Patel would answer such questions. The full text of the question, the name of the member who asked the question with the name of his Centre and the full text of the answer should be published. The caption of the feature might be: "Sri Pandit/Sri Patel answers questions". The meeting approved this unanimously. Through oversight this decision was not included in the minutes of the meeting circulated. The minutes will be amended accordingly. Meanwhile every member is invited to send questions. The new feature will begin from the August issue of the journal.

The celebration of the World Union Day on 20th August 1978 was considered. Sri Samar Basu presented a paper suggesting themes of discussion on the subject "Towards A New World Order". The paper was approved by the meeting and is printed for the information of World Union Centres:

(A) Ours is a movement towards the long cherished goal of mankind—that is to say—UNITY. That unity has to be realised through Fraternity – nay, spiritual comradeship.

(B) From the very inception of World Union as an organization, it has been, through its multinationed activities, mainly based on the "Ideal of Human Unity" as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo, endeavouring to achieve that 'TRUTH' for the last twenty years. (N. B. A brief history of our movement for the last two decades has to be enumerated—including participation in the World Constituent Assembly). The resultant effect of this perpetual movement is encouraging and stimulating in as much as it has secured a very esteemed position among the other same minded International Organizations in the world moving towards the same goal in their own way.

(C) In course of its business the organization comes into close contact with the people

of various walks of life--and thereby realizes that, though not in a very large number, people of different parts of the world, specially of the affluent countries are thinking very seriously to get the human problems radically solved. And their deep contemplation on the matter reveals the truth that the present-world-order--its socio-economic and socio-politic conditons, its system of education, above all its way of treating man with man, is not only a hindrance but also a stumbling block on the way to achieve the solution. Hence it has to be changed—No, mere change will not produce the desired result. So emergence of a 'NEW WORLD ORDER'—out of the 'OLD' one has to be made possible, but how?

(D) This is the 'TASK' and this, in nutshell are the aims and objectives of our organization. And therefore, our movement is "TOWARDS A NEW WORLD ORDER".

A comparative analysis between the New and the Old World Order:-

(a) A new way of thinking, a new way of seeing and judging things, have to be developed. (b) To realise, to grow and maintain soul-relationship—instead of physical, racial, or national—among men. (c) To realise, to grow and maintain the belief that man is free and not a slave to remain chained in any man-made geo-politic frontiers or ideological kinship. (d) To realise, to grow and maintain an integral view of existence instead of parochial one.

Under the NEW ORDER man must get such freedom as will enable him to fulfil himself in the total fulfilment of mankind.

(E) Man has made astounding progress in various aspects of his life and created a civilization more complex than ever. His intellect power of reason—has become blind being overpowered by dogmatism—his emotion has lost its purity and become a slave of his passion—clarified intellect supported by purified emotion can only lead him to the future progress for which he is groping in the complexity of civilization he has created—in the whirlpool—to find the way out.

(F) The machineries of Democracy and Socialism—of the present World Order are gradually becoming insufficient to meet the demands of man—that is to say—the growing consciousness—increasing God. The helplessness of the position of the UNO in solving the major problems of mankind and establishing peace has become unquestionable—because of the fact that the UNO is not the final stage in the evolutionary process—World State is the final outcome—the New World Order shall be the natural promulgation of the World State—which shall lead mankind to its ultimate goal.

It is not at all a Utopian idea, nor is it a mere chimera—it is the man's earliest preoccupation and World Union is moving towards that consummation

Coordinator for Southern India

Sri M. K. Rameswaram one of the two Secretaries of World Union Bangalore Centre was appointed as Coordinator for Southern India as the previous coordinator had ceased to function and made it necessary to replace him. Sri Rameswaram accepted the position and said that with the support and the best wishes of members and friends he would do his best to achieve satisfactory results.

Dr. Madhava Menon suggested that we should write to Shri H. V. Kamath expressing

World Union's appreciation and gratitude for the Private Member's Bill introduced by him in Lok Sabha and the Bill be given prominence during 20th August 1978—World Union Day celebrations.

World Union India Centre

The fifth meeting of the Central Council of World Union India Centre was held on 27th April 1978 under the Chairmanship of Professor N. S. Govinda Rao at 89 Diagonal Road, Visveswarapuram, Bangalore. In his opening remarks, the Chairman drew attention to the inevitability of human unity, not only as an evolutionary process of man as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo but also according to many religions of the world. He illustrated the point by reference to the concept of Pralaya in Hinduism, the Nirvana in Buddhism and the day of judgement in Islam and Christianity. For a Hindu, unity with Divine consciousness takes place in the ultimate and it is the consciousness of dis-possession and dis-embodiment that builds bliss in Buddhism. He said that spiritual forces were propelling man to achieve this unity in mankind. In conclusion he said that the conscious effort of man is nothing but the compulsive urge of the will of the Divine in everyone to forge this Human Unity. It must be the endeavour of everyone particularly the World Union members to strive and encourage all such moves and movements towards human unity.

The fourth meeting of the India Centre was held by correspondence regarding the Second National Convention of World Union India Centres at Calcutta in October 1978 and the resolutions appointing Sri Samar Basu as the Convener and confirming his financial powers as well were approved and confirmed.

The report of the work done during the period August 1976 to April 1978, presented by the Secretary, Dr. T. Prasannasimha Rao was recorded. Discussion took place arising out of the report on the Education Guidance Section and Forum for Human Unity.

The statement of accounts for the years 1976 and 1977 was presented by the Treasurer Sri K.S. Chakravarthy and passed by the meeting.

Dr. T. Prasannasimha Rao, who attended the meeting of the Executive Committee at Pondicherry on 25th April 1978, informed the Central Council of the discussions he had with Sri Basu on the holding of the Convention on 22nd, 23rd and 24th October 1978 at Calcutta. The progress made from time to time would be intimated to the India Centre directly and published in the Focus for the information of all members. The Central Council resolved that only in the absence of Sri Samar Basu, the Convener of the Second National Convention, Sri T.K. Sinha, the Secretary of World Union Regional Centre of West Bengal, be hereby authorised to operate the Saving Bank Account of World Union, Second Convention with Mercantile Bank Limited, 8 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta

Second National Convention at Calcutta

Sri Samar Basu and his colleagues in West Bengal Regional Centre are preparing enthusiastically for the Second National Convention of World Union Centres in India to be

held on 22nd, 23rd and 24th October 1978 at Ashutosh Memorial Hall, Indian Museum, 27 Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Calcutta 700001. Sri Samar Basu as Convener of the Convention has issued a Bulletin which reads:

It is nearly three years after the First National Convention was held at Bangalore in June 1975, that we meet in Calcutta, on the happy occasion of the Second National Convention to be held on 22nd, 23rd and 24th October, 1978. It is a pleasing occasion so far as the members of World Union Centres in India are concerned. Pleasing, because the year 1978—has been consecrated to the MOTHER—the Founder President of our Organization, for 1978 is HER BIRTH CENTENARY.

The Convention is conducting two seminars on the following subjects under the Presidentship of Sri M.P. Pandit, Chairman, World Union International Centre, Pondicherry.

(A) WORLD UNITY and the ROLE OF INDIA—on 22nd, and 23rd October, 1978.

(B) The U.N.O., THE WORLD GOVERNMENT and SRI AUROBINDO on 24th October 1978 to observe the U.N. DAY.

I The subject under Category (A)—will be discussed in three different workshops:-

(a) Indian Philosophy and World Unity:

Dr. Rama Ranjan Mukherjee, Vice Chancellor, Burdwan University—was requested to conduct this workshop.

Dr. Nirod Baran Chakravarty of Maulana Azad College, Calcutta and Dr. Debi Prosad Sen—Head of the Department of Philosophy, Burdwan University—will take part in this workshop.

(b) Indian Polity and World Unity:

Dr. R.C. Ghosh, Centenary Professor of Public Administration, Calcutta University (Retd.) has since agreed to conduct this workshop.

Dr. Sovanlal Mukherjee—Head of the Department of Political Science—Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta and Prof. Khagendra Chandra Pal of Bengal Engineering College, Howrah, will take part in this workshop of the Seminar.

(c) Indian Education, History & Culture and World Unity:

Shri Rohit Mehta of the Theosophical Society—Varanasi has kindly consented to conduct this workshop.

Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal—Reader in the Department of Education, Lucknow University, Professor Sankar Dutta—Dean of Students' Welfare—Rabindra Bharati University and Dr. Sisir Kumar Ghosh of Santiniketan will take part in the workshops of Education, History and Culture respectively.

N.B. The papers of the seminar-participants are due to be published in the August and

September—1978 issues of our WORLD UNION journal.

II The subject under category (B) will be discussed in the concluding 'Open Session' of the Convention on the 24th of October 1978 to observe the U.N. DAY. Sri A.B. Patel, a Co-President of the World Constitution and Parliament Association, Colorado, U.S.A., and General Secretary, World Union International, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, will preside over this session. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath, M.P., has consented to attend this seminar as a guest speaker. A few eminent professors of the Universities have also been invited to take part in this seminar.

Sri B. K. Swaika, Chairman of the Reception Committee for the Convention, has issued an appeal to all members of World Union in any part of India to become a member of the Reception Committee by remitting Rs. 100.00 as membership fee. The members of the Reception Committee coming from places outside West Bengal will be treated as delegates for all purposes. Along with his appeal he has enclosed the above Bulletin issued by Sri Samar Basu. All cheques may be drawn in favour of "World Union Second National Convention" and sent to 18A Ramdhone Mitra Lane, Calcutta 700004.

On behalf of World Union International Centre we appeal to all members of World Union and others interested in human unity and world peace on a spiritual foundation to give the fullest cooperation to the organizers of the Second National Convention at Calcutta.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

India Centre---Activities:

- 1st December 1977 Inauguration of the *Education Guidance Section* by starting the coaching classes for youth in the evenings at Sri Aurobindo Memorial Hall, IV Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560011.
- 25th December 1977 Lecture on "Sri Aurobindo's Ideal of Human Unity" by Professor N. S. Govinda Rao.
- 22nd January 1978 Formation of a "*Forum for Human Unity*"—presided over by Justice Nittoor Srinivasa Rao;—Professor N. S. Govinda Rao addressed on "Oneness and World Union";—at State Head Quarters, Boys Scouts & Girl Guides, Fort, Bangalore 560002.
- 19th March 1978 Under the "Forum for Human Unity"—Sri M. K. Rameswaram of the "Humanist Association" and a member of World Union spoke on the subject "Humanism Promotes Human Unity".
- 16th April 1978 Under the "Forum for Human Unity"—Professor M. V. Ramachandran, Honorary Lecturer, World Union, spoke on "Gandhism, the Need of the Hour".
- All lectures (except the programme on 22nd January 1978) were held at Sri Ramakrishna Students' Home, Visveswarapuram, Bangalore 560004.

Bangalore The monthly meeting was held on 7.5.78 to mark the observance of "The

World Health Day" (7.4.78) and the subject of the talk was "High Blood Pressure—The World-Wide Silent Killer"—the World Health Organization topic of the year. Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, Vice-President, Karnataka Medical Council, who was the Speaker, gave a lucid exposition of the entire aspect of High Blood Pressure, its causes, symptoms, and signs and its cure, while laying stress on the preventive aspect. He said that while one need not get scared when one is told that one is suffering from High Blood Pressure but one should get promptly examined and take necessary regulatory steps and thus prevent the silent stealthy killer from claiming one more victim. The learned doctor summed up by saying that more than anything it was imperative for each individual to keep his equanimity and poise and not become a victim of the stresses and strains that are part of our present-day civilization and way of life. He said that to tackle the problem of High Blood Pressure effectively, all persons should individually and collectively and all social service organizations also should take an interest in and support the Governmental Agencies in their efforts in view of the fact that this particular disease is not confined to any particular country but is a universal problem and secondly, we should rely more on the preventive aspect by keeping away from the tension, turmoil and conflicts which are the root causes of the disease.

The talk was followed by a question and answers session. It was a very interesting and instructive programme resulting from the mastery of the subject by the learned doctor.

***Chakradharpur* On 1st, 2nd and 3rd April 1978 the Mothers's Birth Centenary was commemorated jointly with Sri Aurobindo Society, Chakradharpur Centre, in the premises of the Centre. The main Speaker was Sri Makhan Dhar (Calcutta) and, the founder of the Society Centre, Sri M. N. Mazumdar participated. The three days programme included a speech on the "Ideals of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother", dance-drama "Rajkumar" written by Sri A. B. Purani, "Giti Alakha", "Kano Aai Ma" and various other performances by the members of "Shishu Chakra" e. g., P. T. demonstration, Bani Path etc. The programme was inaugurated by Sri K. K. Arora, Divisional Superintendent, S. E. Railway, Chakradharpur. On the closing day, prizes were distributed to the successful boys and girls of our "Shishu Chakra" and local schools who took part in the 'Elocution Tests' on the life of the Mother, organized by the members of our Society Centre and World Union Centre as suggested by Sri Samar Basu during his tour to our Centre.**

***Delhi (Dev Nagar)* This new Centre was opened on 24th April '78 by Sri S. K. Rattan who has been working actively for World Union since many years, first in Delhi and thereafter in Butwal. He has been transferred back to Delhi and is the President of the new Centre with Km. Meenu as Secretary. The Secretary's address is B-13/17 Double Storey Quarter, Dev Nagar, New Delhi 110005. The opening ceremony began with meditation for 5 minutes and recitation of Durga Stotra and a prayer from "Prayers and Meditation of the Mother". Thereafter, Sri S. K. Rattan gave a talk beginning by paying respectful homage to the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. He also paid similar homage to late Sri Surendra Mohan Ghose. Among other things he stressed the need and importance of carrying on more World Union activities in Delhi by forming more Centres and increasing the number of members.**

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General Secretary
May 19, 1978



WORLD UNION

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URGENT APPEAL

The greatest need of the hour is to develop a sense that every individual, group, institution, nation is a part of the whole—the planet earth. Man entertains a variety of dreams; but the greatest, the most comprehensive, the most challenging and universal of all dreams is the dream of the unification of the human world. All other dreams for the advancement and welfare of the human race are but fragments of this one eternal effort to bring about the brotherhood of man.

To Our Members and Friends

World Union International Centre

An unaudited balance sheet of World Union for the period ending 31-12-77 was presented to the Executive Committee of World Union on the 25th of April, 1978 at Pondicherry. It disclosed Rs. 731/05 as the excess of expenditure over income and the liabilities were Rs. 7,999/71 more than the assets. The audited balance sheet discloses different figures. The excess of expenditure over income is Rs. 3,156/80 and the liabilities are Rs. 10,425/46 more than assets. For those errors our accountant is extremely sorry and tenders his apology to all concerned. The audited balance sheet discloses that the finances of World Union are unsatisfactory and a serious effort is needed to attract greater financial support, without which the additional and expanded activities of World Union can not be maintained. In order to cope with the expenses of the present activities of World Union, which includes the promotion of a world federal government, it is necessary to have more members and more advertisements for the journal.

We appeal to every member (we have life members, associate life members, ordinary

members and focus members) to do his or her utmost to introduce at least one new member to World Union, preferably a life member or an associate life member. Moreover, every Centre and member should do utmost to appoint in one's region an advertisement agent on the basis of commission to canvass advertisements for the journal. Each World Union Centre will be entitled to earn that commission if it introduces advertisements to the journal. We will be ready to grant 30% to 40% commission on advertisements canvassed for the journal. At the end of this Focus we are giving our present advertisement rates.

Second National Convention at Calcutta

We draw attention of every World Union Centre and member to the information published in the June 1978 Focus about the Second National Convention of World Union Centres in India. We publish below Bulletin No. 2 dated the 20th of May 1978 issued by Sri Samar Basu, the Convention

BULLETIN—2

The Secretaries of all the World Union Centres in India are requested to keep a note of the following information for their guidance and take suitable action for early effectuation of the same:-

- (a) That the articles for the Souvenir must reach the office by the second week of July 1978 at the latest. The contents must be relevant to the broad subject of the SEMINAR: "WORLD UNITY AND THE ROLE OF INDIA".
- (b) That the papers of the selected Seminar participants as notified earlier, will be published in the August/September issues of our journal. Those who intend to take part in the discussion in any workshop may prepare themselves on the basis of papers so published. They are requested to register their names with the President of the particular workshop in which they intend to take part, before the workshop starts.
- (c) That the advertisements must reach the office by the 20th of August, 1978. Because of abnormal load-shedding in Calcutta, PRESS needs sufficient time to get things ready on the scheduled dates and time.
- (d) That the names of the Reception Committee members enrolled by the Centres should reach the office along with the remittance by cheques or otherwise as early as possible, but not later than the first week of September 1978 to get them printed in the Souvenir. It may not be possible for getting later receipts printed.

- (e) That as suggested by the Secretary of World Union Bangalore Centre and endorsed by the Secretary, India Centre and approved by the Finance Committee of the Convention, with slight amendment, contributions from the members of World Union Centres and/or sympathizers may be collected as token of their best wishes for the success of the Convention. Name of each individual sympathizer whose contribution is Rs. 10.00 or more and those of the Centres whose total contribution is Rs. 100.00 or more will be printed in the Souvenir at the bottom of each page or elsewhere according to convenience.**

The Convention Committee once again requests sincere cooperation of all concerned.

Rail concession is available for the participants in the Convention. It is not available to any person earning more than Rs. 1,800/- per month, or travelling a distance less than 400 kilometres from one's railway station to Calcutta.

We wish to inform all concerned that for obtaining rail concession certificate or any other information regarding the Convention, please write to Sri Samar Basu, Convener Second National Convention of World Union Centres in India, 18A Ramdhone Mittra Lane, Calcutta 700004.

We strongly appeal to all World Union Centres and members to render the fullest assistance to make the Convention a success.

World Constituent Assembly at Colombo

The latest decision is that the Third Session of the World Constituent Assembly will meet at Ran Muta Hotel of Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 29th December, 1978 to 6th January, 1979. Daily Agenda is as follows:

DAILY AGENDA

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
1978 28 December Thursday	Registration Special Pre-Assembly Meetings, to be announced	Registration	
29 December Friday	Registration	2 pm Opening Session: Welcome and Keynote Addresses; Definition of the work of the Assembly	7 pm Social Hours 9 pm
30 December Saturday	9 am Plenary Session : Description of the Working Sections A. Ratification Campaign : B. Shadow World Cabinet C. Provisional World Parliament D. Strategy of Five Year Plan E. Finances and Publicity F. Plans for Next Assemblies G. Other Business	2 pm Working Section go to work Sub-sections : 1. Governments/Parliaments 2. Communities/States 3. Universities/Colleges 4. Popular Referendum } not full-time working sections	8 pm Steering Committee Meeting
31 December Sunday	9 am Working Sections Meet. 11:30 am Plenary session for any important developments and messages	2 pm Working Sections continue	8 pm New Year's Eve Dinner- Dance. Dedication Address
1979 1 January Monday	Morning Free Tour of Colombo Trip to Negombo	2 pm Plenary Session : Preliminary Reports from Working Sections and Discussion	8 pm Sri Lanka Dancers
2 January Tuesday	9 am Working Sections continue. 11:30 am Plenary Session for any important developments and messages	2 pm Working Sections continue 4 pm Reception by the President/Prime Minister of Sri Lanka	8 pm Proposed Legislation on Selected World Problem

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
3 January Wednesday	9 am Working Sections continue 11:30 Plenary Session for any important developments and messages	2 pm Working Sections continue	8 pm Proposed Legislation on Selected World Problem
4 January Thursday	9 am Plenary Session : Reports and Actions A. Shadow World Cabinet	2 pm Plenary Session : Reports and Actions B. Ratification Campaign	8 pm Films of Sri Lanka
5 January Friday	9 am Plenary Session : Reports and Actions B. Ratification Campaign continued. E. Finances and Publicity	2 pm Plenary Session : Reports and Actions C. Provisional World Parliament D. Strategy of Five Year Plan	7 pm Business Meeting of WCPA
6 January Saturday	9 am Plenary Session : Reports and Actions C. Issue Call to the Provisional World Parliament F. Next Sessions in Africa, Latin America, Europe, G. Other Business Closing Dedication Ceremony	2 pm Press Conference 3 pm Business Meeting of World Constitution and Parliament Association	7 pm Social Hours 9 pm
7 January Sunday	Post-Assembly Tours Begin. (Must sign-up and register for tours in advance.) Tour Options : January 7 to 10 Golden Beaches of the South. January 7 to 10 National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries. January 11 to 14 The Ancient Cities. January 11 to 14 The Fabulous East Coast. After January 14 Days In India.		

(brief descriptions of each tour to be given)

It is hoped that the Indian delegation will consist at least of 100 members. All those who wish to participate in the Constituent Assembly should send their names and addresses to World Union, Pondicherry 605002, with their bio-data.

WORLD CONSTITUTION AND PARLIAMENT ASSOCIATION

1480 HOYT ST., SUITE 31, LAKEWOOD COLORADO 80216, U.S.A.

UNIVERSAL CALL FOR RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATION OF EARTH

During these latter days of the 20th century, the realization is growing that *all life on Planet Earth is threatened with imminent destruction from many sources.* After thousands upon thousands of years of toil and struggle, people thought that material abundance and expanding opportunities could soon be enjoyed peacefully by all. But it is now evident that the same technology which promised abundance also promises universal disasters even more quickly—unless major problems can be solved without further delay.

Whatever illusions remain that peace and security and human rights can be achieved through military arms, must be discarded. Whatever illusions remain that adequate progress can be made through negotiations among sovereign national governments for the solutions to the interrelated global crises confronting humanity, must also be discarded.

The inescapable alternative for humanity today is the establishment of a democratic

federal world government, given adequate powers and means to provide the framework within which supra-national problems can be solved for the good of all. The basis for democratic world government, if it is to serve the needs of people equitably, is a constitution which defines the powers, the structure, the composition and the functioning of the world government, as well as the procedure by which it shall be inaugurated. At the same time, it must protect the legitimate jurisdiction of national governments over the internal affairs of nations.

At a World Constituent Assembly meeting from the 16th to 29th of June, 1977, at Innsbruck, Austria, participants from 25 countries of all continents debated and adopted the draft of *A CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATION OF EARTH.* We, the participants in the Assembly, together with other supporters, now submit the Constitution for the Federation of Earth for worldwide ratification by the nations and people of Earth.

The procedure for ratification is defined in the Constitution, itself, in Article XVII, Section A. Preliminary ratification is requested by the national legislatures or by the national governments of each country. *Final ratification is requested by the people of each country through popular referendums.*

Because of the urgency of the world situation, it is imperative that each national government and national legislature immediately take the necessary steps for consideration of the World Constitution and for implementation of the process of ratification. It is also imperative that people in each country, through various institutions and means, take the necessary steps to accomplish final ratification by popular referendums.

To assure survival of human life on this planet, and to enable all people to realize greater and finer potentialities in life, we implore those receiving the CALL to expedite the process of ratification.

- ☐ Please send more information about the CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATION OF EARTH, and the Five Year Campaign for ratification and to avert global disaster.
- ☐ Please send a copy of the CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATION OF EARTH, Price Rs. 4/- per V.P.
- ☐ I want to help actively in the Five Year Campaign.
- ☐ Enclosed is a contribution of Rs _____ to multiply publicity and to carry out the Five Year Campaign.

Please confirm the action which you will take in the ratification process, and any definite acts of ratification, to the World Constitution and Parliament Association, which is conducting the general ratification campaign, with offices in various countries and World headquarters at 1480 Hoyt Street, Suite 31, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, U. S. A.

(Note: With members in 50 countries, the World Constitution and Parliament Association has the following officers: Co-Presidents: Reinhart Ruge, civil engineer, Mexico; A. B. Patel, Secretary of World Union, India. Vice Presidents: Dr. Mrs. Prachoomsuk Achava-Amrung, education prof., Thailand; Dr. Archie Casely-Hayford, ex-cabinet minister, Ghana; Prof. Gonzalo Fernos, conservationist Puerto Rico, Gerhard Havel, editor, W. Germany; Syed Muhammad Husain, Supreme court judge, Bangladesh; Ahmed E. H. Jaffer, businessman, Pakistan; Rev. Toshio Miyake, peace leader, Japan; Thane Read, economist, U. S. A.; Helen Tucker, women's rights leader, Canada. Secretary General: Philip Isely, writer, U. S. A. Legal Advisor: Max Habicht, international lawyer, Switzerland.)

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WORLD CONSTITUTION AND PARLIAMENT ASSOCIATION

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FIVE YEARS TO CHANGE COURSE

The people of Earth are presently entered upon accelerating collision courses with many extreme worldwide crises, some only dimly seen. Most people living today may not escape with their lives, not to mention freedom and affluence, unless new ways to solve global problems are established soon. Never in history has mankind been faced with so many problems which require decisions at the international level to reach life-sustaining solutions; e. g.: the daily threat of nuclear war multiplied by the spread of nuclear weapons both directly and through the back door of power production; environmental destruction in dozens of ways; death of the oceans from oil and other pollution; population growth beyond Earth's carrying capacity; growing conflicts over scarce resources; food and water crises. The list could go on in detail for pages.

We do not have 25 years to drastically change course to avoid disaster. It is doubtful that we have 15 years. We may not have ten years, or even five years. Pice-meal and local remedies cannot save us, and will be completely overwhelmed by the imminent global scale catastrophes. Negotiations among sovereign nations are proven exercises in futility, costing us now \$300,000,000,000 per year for doomsday preparations.

What is required is democratic federal world government, empowered to solve world problems for the good of all by a world legislature responsible to the People of Earth; a world government which can at the same time preserve and increase civil freedoms by eliminating the coercions of national military priorities as well as the coercions of growing global crises. The first step is the adoption of a World Constitution defining the structure, powers, limitations and procedures of the world government. For that purpose a CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATION OF EARTH, adopted by a World Constituent Assembly in June, 1977, is now offered for ratification by the people and nations of Earth. Also adopted by the World Constituent Assembly is a Five Year Plan, summarized below, to work for the ratification and implementation of the World Constitution:

1977-78 The Call for Ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth is issued and publicized worldwide. The World Constitution is delivered to the national governments of each country, requesting ratification. Action Committees are

formed in at least 20 countries. Preparations are made for ratification by popular referendum. A million dollar fund raising campaign and an advertising campaign are launched.

1978-79 The ratification campaign is inten-

sified in areas where favorable decisions are most promising—i.e., the first countries in which to press for ratification by national governments; the first communities, universities, and world electoral districts in which to begin the world referendum for direct popular ratification. The next sessions of the World Constituent Assembly are held in a country of South Asia, at which time a Shadow World Cabinet is announced, to formulate a world legislative program on major world problems.

1979-80 The ratification campaign is extended in every way possible. Action is also focused on the election of delegates to the Provisional World Parliament scheduled to convene in 1980-81.

Regional Assemblies are held in Africa and Latin America. The goal of \$ 1,000,000 per year is passed.

1980-81 Regional Assemblies are held in North America, Europe and the

Pacific Area. The ratification campaign is intensified in more countries, universities, and world electoral districts. The Provisional World Parliament is convened, and steps taken to form a Provisional World Government under Article XIX of the World Constitution.

1981-82 The Provisional World Parliament and Provisional World Government go to work on the most urgent world problems. The ratification campaign is expanded and intensified in more countries. Elections to the World Parliament are promoted in all areas where the World Constitution is ratified. Preparations are made for the First Operative Stage of World Government.

1982-83 The First Operative Stage of World Government is reached and implemented, when 25 nations or equivalent in World Electoral Districts have ratified, as provided under Articles XVII of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth.

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☐ I want to sign in the Declaration Form please send a copy of it.
Enclosed is a contribution of Rs. _____ to multiply publicity and to carry out the Five Year Campaign.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

To

World Union
Pondicherry 605002

Private Bill of Shri H. V. Kamath

We draw attention of every Centre and member to the article published in the June 1978 journal under the caption of "Unique Bill and debate in the Lok Sabha for the Promotion of a Federation of the World." We appeal to each Centre and member to see that appropriate resolution supporting the Bill is adopted and sent to the Prime Minister of India with a copy to the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, to Shri H. V. Kamath and to World Union, Pondicherry 605002.

World Union Uttarpara Centre

This Centre has taken a lead in holding a meeting on the 4th of June, 1978 to discuss all matters relating to the Private Bill of Shri H. V. Kamath, Sri S. K. Gupta presiding. Sri Samar Basu explained in detail the contents of the Bill and answered questions. A resolution was duly moved and seconded supporting the Bill and was unanimously adopted with applause. Sri Nirmal Kumar Roy proposed and Sri Sitangsu Sekhar Bhattacharya seconded a resolution that the Coordinator of the Eastern Region be requested to write letters to the editors of leading newspapers in India (eight names were specially listed) with a view to drawing the attention of all concerned to the purpose of the historical Bill moved in the Lok Sabha by an eminent and veteran Parliamentarian, Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath, with a convincing speech in support of the Bill, so that it gets the support of most of the citizens of India and the members of Parliament in particular. It was further resolved that the members of the World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal, should get the resolution printed and circulated to all the members of Parliament.

"Uttarpara Centre"

Led by Lion Prof. K.S. Viswanathan, the Executive Committee of this Centre also passed a resolution on 10th June '78 strongly supporting Shri H. V. Kamath's Bill in Lok Sabha and the same has been sent to the Prime Minister of India with a copy to the Speaker of Lok Sabha.

Seminar by WCPA, Local Chapter, West Bengal

World Constitution and Parliament Association, West Bengal Local Chapter conducted—shortly after its formation on 2nd April, 1978 a very interesting Seminar (second in its series) on "Formation of a World Government—How and Why" at the hall of Uttarpara Jay Krishna Public Library (at the premises of which Sri Aurobindo delivered his famous UTTARPARA SPEECH, on the 30th May, 1909) on Sunday the 16th April 1978, at 5:00 P.M.

Dr. Birendra Nath Goswami—Reader in the Department of Political Science, Burd

wan University, presided and Professor Sankar Dutta—of Rabindra Bharati University inaugurated the Seminar.

Professor K. C. Pal—Chairman of the Local Chapter spoke on the subject.

At the outset Sri Samar Basu—General Secretary & Treasurer of the Local Chapter, read out messages received from Sri Nolini Kanta Gupta, Secretary, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, Sri A. B. Patel, Co-President, WCPA, (U. S. A.,) and Sri G. Murahari—Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha and President—India Branch of the WCPA. Then he briefly stated the role of the WCPA and other mundalist organizations like, W. A. W. F., W. C. A., Unity of Man etc., in giving a concrete shape of what was visioned by seers, poets and philosophers of ages—vision of one world. It is a result of strenuous endeavour for some two decades of the above mentioned organization—specially of the WCPA that “A Constitution for the Federation of Earth” came into being as a hope of mankind and its posterity. “It is no longer a Utopian ideal”—Sri Basu asserted, “but a very real thing,—that the people of this Planet Earth are no more ready to tolerate the political games of mass destruction by the big powers. From the lessons of the great wars—men have learnt how to prepare themselves for the fulfilment of the goal of mankind. So they responded to the CALL of the WCPA and assembled at Innsbruck to enable the WCPA to present before the people of this Planet—their long cherished document—A Constitution for the Federation of Earth on the basis of which a World Government can be formed to create A NEW WORLD ORDER before the end of the present century. Now we are to read out this document very carefully and assess whether it has got the competence to fulfil the demands of the present and future human society. If so, we must ratify it—solemnly and faithfully.

Professor Sankar Dutta in his inaugural address explained the necessity of forming a World State and quoted relevant lines from Sri Aurobindo in support of his elucidation. Professor Dutta expressed, with the least ambiguity, his conviction that a World Unity based on brotherhood—realising the truth of EXISTENCE must be the outcome of the present day chaotic conditions prevailing all over the world. He also asked all to become aware of the responsibility that they were entrusted with as true Indians by their forefathers and appealed that they must not hesitate to discharge that holy responsibility and make India the Guru of the world as the Great Master, Sri Aurobindo, had repeatedly stated. In the name of the Master he asked all to awake, arise and fulfil the mission of Mother India.

Professor K. C. Pal elucidated the following points with reference to different ‘slokas’ in the Gita. He also clarified the helplessness of the position of the UNO to maintain peace and order in the world and protect human rights conferred to the people under provisions laid down in the Charter.

(a) He discussed the question in general—Why do people of almost all the countries of the world feel the necessity of forming a World State? In finding out the reasons he pointed out a few global problems which neither the Nation-States, nor the UNO could solve yet which had to be radically solved if humanity were to survive.

(b) Professor Pal also explained why it was not possible to get rid of the above problems by amending the provisions of the Charter. “For obvious reasons”—Professor Pal

stated, "it can be commented that the UNO has become an oligarchy of big nations."

(c) So it could be safely stated that there was no other remedy than to constitute a World State to save the mankind from utter destruction.

Then Dr. B. N. Goswami in his Presidential address expounded the above points in a more lucid way and concluded commenting that every responsible citizen of India was expected to go through the Constitution very carefully and decide whether it would save mankind because the time had come when each and every one of us, knowingly or unknowingly had become a member of a big World Family and therefore we must be loyal to that big family as we had been so long loyal to our own small families.

Because of sudden summer tempest the seminar was disturbed for nearly half-an-hour and therefore, Dr. B. N. Goswami could not have sufficient time to elucidate a few more points very important for the Seminar.

Sri T. K. Sinha proposed a vote of thanks.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

International Centre—SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY OF SRI M. P. PANDIT:

Sri M. P. Pandit, a prominent member of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Chairman of World Union International Centre, Editor of the monthly journal "World Union" and the monthly "Service Letter", author of about eighty books, a well known exponent of the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, completed 60 years on 14th June 1978. To offer greetings and felicitations for the occasion, World Union International Centre arranged a pleasant function in Ambalal House, Pondicherry, when all present conveyed their best wishes to Sri Pandit. Speaking on behalf of all present, Sri A. B. Patel prayed to the Divine Mother that Sri Pandit lives at least one hundred years in good health and added capacity to do the work of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

Sri Pandit made a brief but inspiring speech and referred to the gathering strength of forces of Oneness all over the world. He also stated that evolution had reached a stage when the inner and outer boundaries were merging in a process of integration and that the most dominant single factor in manifestation is LOVE.

India Centre—"Forum for Human Unity" A discussion meeting was organised on the subject: "Rationalism in Religion" at the Sri Ramakrishna Students' Home, Jain Temple Road, Visveswarapuram, Bangalore, on Sunday the 28th of May, 1978 at 10:00 A.M.

Dr. H. Narasimhaih, former Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University, lead the discussion. Prof. N. S. Govinda Rao, Sri Narayana Swamy of Gandhi Peace Foundation & Sarvodaya Society, Prof. S. Ramakrishnan, Prof. K. H. Chelewargu, Head of the Department of Political Science, Bangalore University and others took part in the discussions.

Uttarpara The 57th monthly Seminar of World Union Uttarpara Centre was held, as usual, on the Second Saturday of May 1978, i.e., 13th of May 1978 at Amarendra Vidyapith, Library Hall, at 5:30 P.M. when Sri S. K. Gupta presided.

Sri Samar Basu in his introductory speech informed the house in brief of what was done in the Asian Conference convened by the President, Sri Lanka Branch of the WCPA, held at Pondicherry on 22nd April 1978 and also the matters discussed in the last Executive Committee meeting held on the 25th of April 1978. He also requested all members to sincerely take active part in making the Second National Convention a grand success. The relevant papers of the Convention were distributed among members present.

Thereafter, the student members of the Centre offered their homage to Rabindranath on the occasion of his 117th birth anniversary by conducting a musical drama on "GITA O GITANJALI"—Sri Shyamal Chatterji, Shampa, Nabamita, Rupalekha and Banani participated.

Earlier, on 24th April 1978, the members met together at the house of Smt. Kalpana Nandy and offered their love and respect to the Mother by reading from Her "Prayers and Meditations". Smt. Chabi Chatterjee read out a passage from Sri Samar Basu's spiritual significance of the day—24th April. Km. Shampa, Banani, Nabanita offered devotional songs. Sri P. K. Banerjee presided.

Chandernagore The monthly Seminar for May 1978 was held at the French Institute, Chandernagore Strand Road, presided over by Dr. Bhabani Das, the Director of the Institute. Dr. M. L. Das Gupta, Ex. President of Rotary Club, Hooghly, attended as a special guest and Dr. Arun Kumar Sil, Ph.D., (Medicine) was the guest speaker. The meeting commenced after a short meditation and an opening song by Sm. Shanti Debi, Principal of Music College at Chandernagore. Dr. B. N. Baral, the Secretary of the Centre, then gave a short introduction of World Union and Sri P. Ghosh made a preamble on the topic of the Seminar "Sri Aurobindo and the Mother on New India". Thereafter, Dr. Sil presented various aspects of the subject giving a number of examples. He stressed that evolution is an inevitable process and people must realise that behind apparent division there is a universal unity. World Union is attempting to bring out this unity and spirit of integration which will help the emergence of New India on a spiritual foundation.

Thereafter, the President and the special guest spoke in general about Sri Aurobindo Ashram and some writings of Sri Aurobindo. Before closing Sm. Radha Biswas presented a nice song and Sri P. Laha gave a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Nanjangud The Mother's Centenary was celebrated on 14th May '78 when Sri Sri Lingananda Swamiji, President, Viswakalyan Mission, Bangalore, was the Chief Guest. In his discourse the Swamiji referred to the special significance of the day in the year 1914—29th March - when the Mother met Sri Aurobindo for the first time at Pondicherry. He also made a fervent plea for the cultivation of a global outlook and adopting the attitude of a World Citizen. He mentioned that the Mother and Sri Aurobindo's teachings

cover the necessity to develop a catholic, charitable, comprehensive, cosmopolitan outlook. We should become "Viswakutumbi"—A World Family.

Stating that faith can move mountains, the Swamiji stressed the need to develop deep faith. He praised the Ashram very highly and said that Auroville, the International Township under construction, is the ideal of World Union in action. Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan, the President of the Centre who presided, explained, the objectives of World Union with special praise for services of Sri A. B. Patel to the cause and exhorted the audience to cultivate a broad international outlook. He ended with a quotation from Dr. S. Radhakrishnan: "Culture is not a pose of intellect or a code of Convention but an attitude of life which finds nothing human, alien, common or unclean".

Bangalore The monthly meeting was held on 4th June, 1978 and the subject was "World Peace through World Union". The speaker, Sri M. K. Rameswaram prefaced his talk with an interrogation as to why is it that despite ceaseless efforts by many of the great and powerful countries, institutions and individuals we have not succeeded in establishing peace or security? He then went on to survey the overall progress of science and technology which has resulted in bringing about cooperation in many respects on a world-wide basis. He gave an outline of progress from the League of Nations to the United Nations Organization and the various conditions affecting the developed and undeveloped nations including their ideologies and economics which have not been able to establish peace. The UNO after all mirrored the world as it really is. The alternative could only be a 'world union' the members of which are united in thought, word and deed, are motivated by love and affecting and mutual respect, are bound by fraternal ties and work together for the welfare of all. The talk which was at once informative and simple, highlighted the imperative need for humanity to change its outlook and attitude which would be helpful in creating conditions for a new age and one world. He also explained the importance of the Bill recently introduced in the Lok Sabha by Shri H. V. Kamath.

The talk was followed by a Questions and Answers Session and ended with concluding remarks by Sri P. Krishnaraju, the Chairman of the meeting and a vote of thanks by Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana

New Centres

Sarojini Nagar Opened on 24th April, 1978 with Sri S. K. Rattan as President and Km. Meenu as Secretary both having the same address that is: BD-1046, Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi 110023, which is also the address of the Centre.

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Purity, humility and nobility are unmistakable signs of a greater consciousness which vibrates and manifests peace, unity, harmony, understanding, love for all, joy in all circumstances, oneness with all. Vanity, pettiness and obstinacy are unmistakable signs of ordinary human consciousness which vibrates and expresses selfishness, avarice, arrogance, envy, jealousy, greed, and lust for power, authority, position, fame and name.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SHASHTIABDAPOORTHY

Shortly following his 60th birthday on 14 June 1978, when he was at home receiving the felicitous wishes of friends, M. P. Pandit was received in Madras by a wider circle which had formed his Shashtiabdapoorthi Celebration Committee. The weekend was a full one. On Saturday, the 24th of June, he spoke and answered questions at the Vidya Mandir premises on the subject of progressive India. The energetic, critical and articulate questions which followed his profound and comprehensive talk were answered in such a mellow yet sharply relevant, detached yet loving manner that even the young communist among them changed his tone from that of an opponent to an inquiring colleague.

The next day, Sunday, was the main felicitation function under the venerable chairmanship of Sri R. R. Diwakar (chairman of Gandhi Samarak Nidhi) at Srinivasa Shastri Hall. There, in a light and happy atmosphere with a natural buoyancy which dissolved any possibilities of formal heaviness, Sri T.V. Viswanatha Aiyer, K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar, Sri V. Murugesu, Dr. C. R. N. Swamy of The Theosophical Society, Rohit Mehta and Dr. Sanjivi spoke personally, even intimately of his faculties of love, work and knowledge in the Ashram, World Union, India and abroad, and as a counsellor, friend, administrator and scholar and, more than all, servant of Mother that they had known Madhav Pandit to be during many of the past sixty years. As you may already know, the significant Shashtiabdapoorthi indicates the end of a cycle in a person's life that was begun at birth, and the beginning of a next sixty year cycle. As K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar, in particular, described the spiritual streams that had poured into Pandit's life—that of T. V. Kapali Sastriar, of his teacher Ganapati Muni, and of his teacher Sri Bhagawan Ramana Maharshi, and the ocean of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother—many must have wondered what M. P. Pandit would say at the end of the function. When he stood up, his face and figure were larger, brighter, fresher than before. As he

acknowledged the past streams, he began to speak of the Mother's work on the world horizon: beyond names, or the Ashram or India, to whatever group or movement of spirituality anywhere that works for God's manifestation in the world and serves the Divine in the human—he would offer his loyalty and work.

In a third function on the 26th, Monday, he spoke to a newly founded yoga asanas school in the city, encouraging their teaching of the asanas in their pure form, of expansion into teaching Indian culture, meditation, exchanging spiritual notes with each other as they grow, expanding into more dimensions and parts of the city, multiplying into other centres to uplift its life. Throughout the weekend a happiness and love, a peace and sense of new departures in this centenary year of the Mother, bathed those participating.

27th June at Colombo

The signing ceremony of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, adopted at Innsbruck, took place on 27th June 1977. 27th June 1978, its anniversary, was celebrated by Sri Lanka Branch of WCPA, for which Shri G. Murahari, Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, was invited to visit Colombo, and was accorded warm welcome in Sri Lanka. On 20th June 1978 he was received at the Katunayake Airport by Mr. Bakeer Markar, Deputy Speaker of Sri Lanka National State Assembly. He concluded a seven day visit to Sri Lanka on June 26 when he inaugurated the first anniversary celebration of the adoption of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth at a well-attended meeting at Gulaar Hall, Hotel Ranmuttu, Colombo. Dr. T. P. Amarasinghe, the President of the Sri Lanka Branch presided.

During the course of his speech Shri Murahari asserted that the only solution of the global problems of today like Food, Pollution, Population, Energy, and Nuclear Weapons lay in the formation of a Federal World Government under a Constitution like the one adopted by 135 delegates from 25 countries at Innsbruck, Austria, in June 1977. He also said that even the Marxists, who prided themselves in being international, were arraigning themselves on nationalists lines and hurling insults at each other. This showed that international communism is no answer to the global problems of the world which threaten to annihilate humanity by a new and more deadly holocaust than any which mankind has hitherto endured. He appealed to the people of the world to band themselves together and use their collective power to persuade the national governments to come together and make a common effort to end armaments race, ban all nuclear weapons, end economic imbalances among peoples of the world and create a free, contented, happy and healthy society in all the continents.

Dr. T. P. Amarasinghe said that not since Aarahat Maha Mahinda's visit to Sri Lanka 2,246 years ago had so priceless a message been brought to Sri Lanka as that which had been delivered by their distinguished guest, who is a Deputy Speaker of the largest Parliament of the biggest democracy on earth. He said that Shri Murahari's arrival on Poson Day—a day beloved to Buddhists—was no accident but a harbinger of a new era in world history. Even the non-aligned movement on which great hopes were laid by developing nations was in danger of weakening. Cuba's actions in Africa could no longer be ignored by the non-aligned group. Already the Peoples Republic of China had dubbed Cuba the Trojan Horse in the non-aligned movement. At the recent Foreign Ministers of non-aligned

nations conference, it was the deft action of Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister, the Hon'ble A. C. S. Hameed, that saved the movement from a rude shock. So a great and vital task had to be undertaken by the people of all countries working for world government. The December 1978 session of the World Constituent Assembly to be held in Colombo had a great role to play in giving a lead to the nations as to how to solve problems which are insoluble in their national context.

During his stay in Sri Lanka, Shri Murahari, visited several important historic places. He was also entertained to lunch by the Hon'ble Anandatissa de Alwis, the Speaker of Sri Lanka National State Assembly.

27th June at Burdwan

In celebration of the 27th June 1978, the members of the World Constitution and Parliament Association's West Bengal Local Chapter held a Seminar on "The World Government vis-a-vis National Sovereign States" on that day at the Hall of Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Burdwan at 6:00 P.M. to commemorate the first anniversary day, the "Day of New Age". Prof. K. C. Pal presided. Sri Samar Basu presented the report on the formation of the World Government, adoption of "A Constitution for the Federation of Earth", Five Year Programme for the ratification of the Constitution by the people and national governments. He made special reference to Shri H. V. Kamath's Private Bill, and appealed to support it. Prof. Nripendralal Mitra led the discussion on (a) Why World Government is necessary? (b) Why are the National Sovereign States hesitant to accept it? Is there any legal bar? (c) What the people are expected to do in this critical period of human history? After these discussions Prof. K. C. Pal addressed the meeting.

27th June at Pondicherry

In celebration of 27th June 1978 the active workers of World Union International Centre at Pondicherry and a few friends met at 4:30 P.M. at Ambalal House and offered prayers for the success of the Campaign for the ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth by the people and nations of the world.

Shri H. V. Kamath's Private Bill

Several World Union Centres in West Bengal adopted resolutions supporting Shri Kamath's Private Bill in the Lok Sabha and sent copies of these resolutions to the Prime Minister, Speaker of the Lok Sabha and to Shri H. V. Kamath.

West Bengal Local Chapter of WCPA in its meeting on the 27th of June 1978 at Burdwan adopted a resolution in support of the Bill and sent its copies to the Prime Minister, Speaker of the Lok Sabha and to Shri H. V. Kamath. In addition a copy was sent to Shri G. Murahari, Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha for his information.

World Union Chakradharpur Centre in Bihar adopted the following resolution in support of Shri H. V. Kamath's Bill No. 65 of 1977:

This meeting of the members of World Union Chakradharpur Centre held on the 17th of June, 1978 at the premises of the Sri Aurobindo Society Centre, Chakradharpur, under the Presidentship of Dr. P. R. Chandra, after elaborate discussion on the Constitution (Amendment) Bill No. 65 of 1977 moved in the Lok Sabha on 7th April, 1978 by Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath, M. P., an eminent veteran Parliamentarian, seeking the insertion of new

clause (e) to the Article 51 of the Constitution of India, endorses fully the "Statement of objects and reasons of the Bill":

"The time is opportune, nay, ripe for all good men and good governments of the world to get together and make earnest efforts for convening a World Constituent Assembly as a preparatory step towards the establishment of a Parliament of Man and Federation of the World. War cannot be abolished, nor can a warm living peace descend on earth, unless such a world order based on World Law is firmly founded", hereby resolves to lend its full support to the said Bill and urges the Government of India to accept the Bill and take all necessary steps to convene the World Constituent Assembly, taking as basis the Constitution for the Federation of Earth adopted at Innsbruck in June 1977. This meeting further resolves to send a copy of this resolution to the Prime Minister of India, to the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and to Shri H. V. Kamath. This meeting also urges the members of the Lok Sabha to consider the Bill from a wider and all-pervasive perspective and do all needful to adopt the Bill.

World Union International Centre

World Union International Centre wrote on July 5, 1978 the following letter to the Prime Minister of India supporting Shri H. V. Kamath's Bill. A letter on similar terms was sent to the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

Dear Shri Prime Minister,

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath, M.P., provided a unique opportunity to the government and people of India to work for the fulfilment of the vision of Vedic seers: "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (Mankind is One Family) and the fulfilment of the vision of great men of modern India—Sri Aurobindo, Mahatma Gandhi, Sri Vinoba Bhave, Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Pandit Nehru and others: "The Ideal of One World", by moving in the Lok Sabha on 7th April 1978 a Private Bill to amend the Constitution of India by inserting clause (e) to Article 51 of the Constitution: "The State shall endeavour to collaborate with other nations for the early formation of a World Constituent Assembly to draft a Constitution for a World Federal Government".

As Shri Kamath's Bill has been circulated for eliciting public opinion on it by 10th August, my Organization respectfully submits its full support to it. In fact the Executive Committee of World Union is grateful to Shri Kamath for introducing the Bill in the Lok Sabha and expresses its heartiest support to the Bill and to "the ideal of world government".

My organization requests the Government of India to recognize the signs of times, the working of the Time-Spirit, and to endeavour to realize the vision of their great seers and their great men in modern times who all affirmed that Mankind is One Family. India ought to take a lead in this matter. We humbly suggest that if the Government of India misses this unique opportunity of taking the lead, by rejecting the Bill of Shri H. V. Kamath, a great injustice will be done to the spiritual heritage of India and to the great men of India who have dreamt of One World. My Organization hopes that the Cabinet of the Government of India under your able leadership will rise to the occasion and let the world know that India would be in the vanguard for the creation of a New World Order.

With respectful regards,

**Yours cordially,
(Sd.) A. B. Patel
General Secretary**

Rail Concession to attend 2nd National Convention at Calcutta

The Secretaries of World Union Centres in India are requested to apply as mentioned hereinafter for Rail Concession Certificates for the members of their respective Centres intending to attend the Convention in Calcutta as Delegates/Observers. The World Union members of places without Centres intending to attend the Convention should also apply similarly for Rail Concession. The application should be addressed to the Convener, 2nd National Convention of World Union Centres in India, 24 Haranathpur Road, P. O. Bhadrakali 712232, Dt: Hooghly, West Bengal. Each Delegate/Observer's fee must be remitted to the Convener before making application for rail concession. The application should contain the full name, occupation, complete postal address, monthly income of each Delegate/Observer with information if Delegate/Observer's fee is paid, railway station of the commencement of journey with other remarks (if any). Every applicant should note that (a) the concession granted is 15% of the fare for travel by First Class and 50% for travel by Second Class; (b) the concession can not be availed of by persons whose monthly earnings or emoluments are more than Rs. 1,800/-; (c) a Delegate or an Observer to the Convention should not be below the age of 18 years, unless he/she is a College Student; (d) the delegate to the Convention will be provided with board and lodging by the World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal from 21st October, 1978 evening to 24th October, 1978 afternoon. The Observers will have to stay in Calcutta at their own expenses; (e) the Railway Concession shall remain valid only for one month from the date of journey; (f) destination is Howrah Railway Station (E. Railway).

World Constituent Assembly at Colombo

In previous two issues of the "Focus" information has been given about the World Constituent Assembly to be held at Colombo and its Agenda. Now we give below the full text of the qualification of a delegate to attend the Assembly. All communications for further information or clarification should be addressed to Dr. T. P. Amarasinghe, President, Sri Lanka Branch of WCPA, Mahara Walauwa, Kadawata, Sri Lanka.

WORLD CONSTITUTION AND PARLIAMENT ASSOCIATION SRI LANKA BRANCH

**"Mahara Walauwa,"
Kadawata,
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**QUALIFICATIONS FOR ATTENDING, THE THIRD SESSIONS OF THE
WORLD CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, COLOMBO, SRI LANKA—FROM
DECEMBER 29TH, 1978 TO JANUARY 5TH, 1979.**

DELEGATES:

1. By securing 500 Signatures on Election Petitions using Forms approved by the World Constitution and Parliament Association,
- OR 2. By appointments or election as delegate from one or more organisations which pass resolutions endorsing the call to the World Constituent Assembly and inform their members of the action and which have a total of 1000 or more members combined,
- OR 3. A charter member elected by a Branch Organisation of the World Constitution and Parliament Association registered with the parent body,
- OR 4. Those who accept the call and pledge to work a minimum of 40 hours per year for the next three years in the Campaign for the Ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth.

VOLUNTEERS: Sign the Call.

OBSERVERS: We welcome all men and women of good will who wish to observe the progress of our proceedings.

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VOLUNTEERS: May take part in the discussions and voting at the Assembly. But accredited delegates will retain the discretionary right to limit voting on any particular issue to delegates only.

OBSERVERS: May not vote or take part in discussions.

REGISTRATION FEES

DELEGATES: A Fee of 30 U. S. \$ (Dollars) for the ONE WEEK ASSEMBLY. Those who register before 15th September, 1978 may do so at a 20% discount.
and
VOLUNTEERS:

N. B. Delegates and Volunteers from Countries where Foreign Exchange Restrictions prevail may only pay 5 U. S. Dollars cash and make a Labour Pledge of 40 Hours for next Three Years.

OBSERVERS: A Fee of 10 U. S. Dollars for the ONE WEEK ASSEMBLY.
(Except Invitees)

New Office Premises of World Union

All concerned are requested to note that on the 17th of July, 1978 the office of World Union was shifted to No. 8 Eswaran Koil Street, Pondicherry, from 44, Rue Desbassyns de Richemont, Pondicherry.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Bangalore: In the monthly meeting held on 2-7-78, the subject of the talk was "World Constitution and What it Means". The speaker, Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row, dealt with the subject by first outlining some aspects of the communal life our ancestors lived, sharing the fruits of their labour as well as their joys and sorrows. With passing of time and evolution of Nations and States they were inclined to live in isolation and think of welfare of their respective citizens resulting in division of mankind by artificial barriers under considerations of language, colour, nationality, etc. Hence, he said that the Constitution for the Federation of Earth which has been drawn up keeping in view the well-being of the entire global population was the only remedy for the present chaotic conditions and divisive tendency existing today.

The thread was picked up by Sri M. K. Rameswaram who spoke next. He explained clearly and explicitly what exactly the Constitution meant to all. He said that it was the forerunner for the establishment of a World Government, World Parliament, World Judiciary and World Police etc. It had been drafted after a very careful and detailed study of all possible aspects, including equitable distribution of world's resources and safety against indiscriminate use of arms. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the President, Sri Thandaveswara.

Chandernagore In the meeting held on 28-5-78 office bearers for the year 1978-79 were elected as under:

President: Sri S. S. De Sarkar, Deputy Chief Eastern Railway.

Secretary: Dr. B. N. Baral, **Treasurer:** Sri Purnendu Ghosh. It was decided that World Union Day this year will be celebrated at Chandernagore and the venue will be Narua Sikhya Niketan situated at North of Chandernagore.

The Monthly Seminar for June'78 was held at Sri Aurobindo Mandir, Chandernagore on 11-6-78 with Sri S. S. De Sarkar as President and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee the Chairman of New Alipore Centre as guest speaker. The subject was "Sri Aurobindo and Mother's Jugma Sadhana". After the Secretary's report of the last Seminar and group concentration, Sri P. Ghosh introduced the subject. Dr. Mukherjee then spoke with a very lucid and pleasing style stating what Sri Aurobindo and the Mother thought about man and society from the standpoint of spirituality:—that all life is yoga; Matter and Spirit are two poles of the same reality and a time will come when Matter will realise the Spirit. Transformation is the key word of Sri Aurobindo, by which he means the psychic, spiritual and Supramental transformation. The Supramental power was not for his own salvation but for the elevation of the

whole mass around him. Dr. Mukherjee also explained the importance of the role played by the Mother in manifesting the Divine Consciousness as expounded by Sri Aurobindo. Thereafter, the President, of the meeting called upon the members to translate the Mother's advice into action. Sri P. Laha presented a vote of thanks to the Chair and to those present.

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NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

Every one has to become conscious that the world has become one and nationalism, in the old sense, has served its purpose in the evolutionary process and is now an obstacle to the realization of the long-cherished dream of human unity. The sovereignty of a national state has also served its purpose as a step in the evolutionary ladder but is now an obstacle to the progress towards a world unification.

To Our Members and Friends

Shri H. V. Kamath's Private Bill in the Lok Sabha

World Union Ahmedabad Centre held a meeting on the 17th July, 1978 at 6.30 P.M. at the Centre's office and passed unanimously the following resolution:

"This meeting of the members of the Ahmedabad Centre of World Union International Centre, Pondicherry, warmly welcomes Shri H. V. Kamath's initiative and move in the Lok Sabha on the vital subject of the formation of World Federation and broadly endorses the views expressed by Shri H. V. Kamath and other Hon'ble Members who participated in the parliamentary debate on this subject.

"This meeting further requests the President of the Ahmedabad Centre to send copies of the resolution to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Shri H. V. Kamath, M. P., and Prof. P. G. Mavalankar, M. P., and urges the Government and Parliament to take early appropriate measures to suitably amend the Constitution of India, incorporating Shri Kamath's suggested addition to Article 51 in the section on 'Directive Principles of State Policy'".

World Union Bombay Centres passed the following resolution on 1st August, 1978 and sent its copy to appropriate quarters:

BEING firmly convinced that a Democratic Federal World Government with a representative World Parliament given authority to enact world laws, an executive and administration authorised to implement world legislation, and obligatory world courts; and

TO SAVE this Planet Earth from utter destruction and for making her a happy and harmonious abode of mankind and its posterity;

IS an absolute necessity;

THIS meeting of the members of all Centres of World International in Bombay specially convened on 1st August, 1978:

"EXPRESSES its unshaken and unflinching faith in the urgent necessity, and in fact in the inevitability of the establishment of a Democratic Federal World Government;"

DECLARES its unqualified and complete support to the Constitution (Amendment) Bill moved by the Hon'ble H. V. KAMATH calling for World Constituent Assembly for ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth adopted in June 1977 by World Constituent Assembly at Innsbruck, Austria;

AND AS India has always been a lover of Peace and Goodwill and Friendship and Home and cradle for new progressive thoughts and movements;

URGES this supreme and august assembly of the representative of the People of India to give lead to the formation of World Government by adopting and ratifying the Constitution of the Federation of Earth.

Baroda World Union Centre, under the signature of Sri Ambaprem Shah, Vice-President of the Centre, has submitted a Memorandum dated the 8th August, 1978 to the Prime Minister of India (with copies to Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Shri H. V. Kamath, M. P., Prof. P. G. Mavalankar, M. P., and the headquarters of World Union in Pondicherry) in support of the Bill moved by Shri Kamath to amend the Constitution of India by inserting clause (e) to Article 51 of the Constitution. The Memorandum reads:

We, members of the World Union Centre, Baroda, Gujarat, were very happy to learn that Mr. Kamath moved in the Lok Sabha on 7th April, 1978, a Private Bill to amend the Constitution of India by inserting clause (e) to Article 51 of the Constitution. As he says "The time is opportune, nay, ripe, for all good men and good Governments of the world to get together and make earnest efforts for convening a World Constituent Assembly as a preparatory step towards the establishment of a Parliament of Man and Federation of the World. War cannot be abolished, nor can a warm living peace descend on earth, unless such a world order based on World Law is firmly founded".

With the development of Science and Technology and the invention of weapons in this atomic age, we are nearing extinction of our lives and to bring an end to the so called civilization. The great leaders of the world have tried all means—social, economical, cultural and political—which have all failed to bring a permanent solution to the burning problems confronting humanity today. They all have agreed in their statements and writings that if the humanity is to survive, the division between man and man, nation and nation, colour, caste and creed must go. The present situation demands UNITY and ONENESS. The examples of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are before us. This was a warning in clear terms and says "Unite or Perish". The seers have said that the whole world is a family.

The future structure of the world depends on India; India is the living soul. India is incarnating the spiritual knowledge in the world. The Government of India ought to recog-

nise the significance of India in this sphere and plan their action accordingly. Since long it has been the habit to govern through division and opposition. The time has come to govern through union and mutual understanding and collaboration. Sri Aurobindo always loved deeply his Mother-land. But he wished her to be great, noble, pure and worthy of her big mission in the world. The great seer, the Divine Mother of Pondicherry Ashram had given Her message which reads:

**"Men, countries, continents !
the choice is imperative —
Truth or the abyss."**

Whether it is to be one or the other—World Union and human harmony or the annihilation of man and the World must depend upon our choice too. Is this to be the hour of the Grace of God or the hour of the Hammer of God? It would appear that we have now reached the fateful crossroads in human history and earth history. If we continue to yoke our old divided mind and heart, our old imperfect consciousness to a world made smaller, a tempo of life made quicker, a future with its tempting vistas of limitless possibilities, the whole machinery of human civilization must sooner or later grind to a frustrating halt or an explosive crash. But if we can rise to the height of our present opportunities, if modern science and technology can be matched by a new consciousness that is truly future-oriented although with roots in the living past, there will then be a hope for the future still. Timely is Sri Aurobindo's exhortation.

Many more quotations from the writings of the great thinkers of India and the world could be given in support of this concept of one world but we will refrain from writing those as those would make this Memorandum a book of history.

We appeal to your Excellency to take a leap towards the future of the world and India must play an important role to highlight the concept of World Government to the nations of the world and we are sure that, with the tact and talent and the cool head with which you are blessed by the Divine, you will be able to make the nations of the world to realize and accept this ideal. We unanimously support the Bill of Shri Kamath and are confident that it will have your full support and approval.

We salute to the advent of the New Age and the Supramental Truth and Light of which India has the fortune to be the Harbinger.

World Constituent Assembly at Colombo

Dr. T. P. Amarasinghe, President of Sri Lanka Branch of World Constitution and Parliament Association, Mahara Walauwa, Kadawata, Sri Lanka, suggests that persons from India wanting to attend the Assembly should send him their names and addresses. A World Union Centre or other organisation may send to him a list of all names and addresses of those wanting to attend. Dr. Amarasinghe states that Sri Lanka High Commissioner's Office is in

New Delhi and Deputy High Commissioner's Office are in Bombay and Madras. He will arrange through the Immigration Department of Colombo to send the names and addresses of all prospective delegates to New Delhi, Bombay and Madras so that anybody from India visiting these offices for visa of Sri Lanka will obtain the visa without difficulty.

Dr. Amarasinghe further writes that the railway fares for travelling to Colombo from Madras is Rs. 358.00 First Class, Rs. 165.60 Second Class and Rs. 123.20 Third Class, and from Tiruchi is: First Class Rs. 245.90, Second Class Rs.142.80 and Third Class is Rs. 100.40. Those who wish to fly to Colombo will find it convenient if they fly to Colombo from Tiruchi.

For hotel accommodation, the lowest which can be arranged is for Ceylonese Rs. 60.00 per person per day for food, board and lodging (vegetarian).

National States

Politics and economics dominate the governments of all national states in the world numbering about 160. All other national activities such as educational, social, cultural and others are practically controlled or influenced by politicians and/or millionaires. Unfortunately man's consciousness acts at its lowest level in politics and money making. It is a common knowledge that there is hardly any politician in the world today who is free from lust for power, position, fame and name and from corrupt practices. In the field of economics greed for money and lust for ever rising standard of living are dominant. National states are in reality governed more or less by lust for power and greed for money, and in these conditions social order of no nation is based on truth and justice and generally remains unstable.

Failure of the U. N. Disarmament Sessions

The recent failure of the Special Sessions of the United Nations to do anything effective to stop arms race and to initiate disarmament reminds one that as long as article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations, stipulating that the organization is based on the absolute sovereignty of each member state, remains unaltered, the agreement of national states in this field of disarmament is not possible. The U. N. does not form a federation of States; it is simply a gathering of nations who are defending their own interests to the detriment of others, each one claiming to manage its affairs under its sovereignty. Therefore, after the existence of 33 years, the U. N. has shown its inability to do anything effective to stop arms race and to reduce to any extent an ever increasing armaments. It is thus unable to lay sure foundation for peace in the world.

Role of Non-Governmental Organizations

However, there was one encouraging development at the time of the Special Session of the U. N. for Disarmament. Non-governmental Organizations took an encouraging and enlightened part on the occasion. It seems clear that, unless non-governmental organizations of the world pull together and decide to build a world public opinion for enforcing disarmament, the representatives of national states will hardly do anything useful excepting eloquent speeches.

It is very interesting to read the message given on 12th June, 1978 by the U. N. Secretary General, Kurt Waldheim to the DISARMAMENT TIMES, in connection with Non-Governmental Organizations Day. The text reads:-

"Peoples as well as nations must be directly involved if world public opinion is to be brought effectively to bear on disarmament. The Non-governmental Organizations in particular have an essential role to play. They are a source of ideas to Member States and provide valuable information to the general public.

"National, regional and international NGOs have participated all over the world in the preparation for the Special Session on Disarmament. Their dialogue with governments and with the United Nations itself has been enriching and extensive. The NGO community here at headquarters has organized the Disarmament Information Bureau and has published DISARMAMENT TIMES. The latter is an important source of information and opinion for the community of delegates, Secretariat, press and NGOs which are involved in the Special Session. The twelfth of June promises to be an excellent occasion for the NGOs to supplement the views of Governments and underline the urgency of action for disarmament.

"I very much hope that the productive exchange between the Member States of the United Nations and Non-governmental Organizations will continue to grow in the future and will serve to increase public participation in the search for disarmament."

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Uttarpara The 59th monthly Seminar of the World Union Uttarpara Centre was held as usual on the second Saturday of July 1978 (8th July) at Amarendra Vidyapith Library Hall (Uttarpara) at 5:30 P.M., when Shri S. K. Gupta presided.

Two subjects were discussed in the Seminar:- Celebrating the birth anniversary day of Rishi Bankim Chandra whose literary works in general were discussed by Dr. Sadananda Bhattacharya. He read out his essay on the subject and Kumari Nabanita read out a published article on "Bankim Chandra Madhusudan and Sri Aurobindo".

Thereafter Shri Samar Basu spoke on "Toward a New World Order", the subject selected for discussion on the 'World Union Day'. Sanat Bodok offered the famous song of Bankim Chandra "BANDE MATARAM". The Seminar ended at about 7:30 P.M. It was decided that the next Seminar would be held on the 15th of August along with other programmes for the celebration of the 107th birth anniversary date of the Master.

Shillong The Mother's centenary was celebrated by the Shillong Centre of World Union on 22-7-78 and a Seminar was held in this connection on "Sri Aurobindo's and the Mother's idea about World Union". Besides three members of the Centre, some Professors of the North Eastern Hill University participated in the discussion.

India Centre This Centre arranged a public lecture under its "Forum for Humanity" on Sunday the 23rd of July, 1978 at 10:00 A.M. in the premises of Sri Ramakrishna Students' House, Visveswarapuram, Bangalore. Professor N. S. Govinda Rao, President of the Centre addressed the gathering on the subject of "Welfare State and Human Unity".

Bangalore The monthly meeting held on 6-8-78 was entirely devoted to a review of "A Constitution for the Federation of Earth" and discussion regarding the non-official Bill moved by Shri H. V. Kamath, M. P. , in the Lok Sabha on 7th April, 1978. Shri M. K. Rameswaram explained in detail the circumstances and the necessity in which the Bill was moved and the overwhelming support received from several members of Parliament. After a lively and interesting discussion and after getting clarification regarding some points raised by the members, a resolution supporting Shri H. V. Kamath's Private Constitutional Amendment Bill was passed unanimously and copies of the same forwarded to the Prime Minister of India and others as directed by the World Union International. The resolution reads:-

We, the members of the Bangalore Centre of World Union International do hereby express our complete support to the Private Bill of Shri H. V. Kamath, M. P. , moved in the Lok Sabha on 7-4-78 to amend the Constitution of India by inserting clause (e) to Article 51 of the Constitution reading "The state shall endeavour to collaborate with other nations for the early formation of a World Constituent Assembly to draft the Constitution for a World Federal Government." It was resolved that the above resolution shall be sent to the Prime Minister of India, with copies to the World Union International and Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Shri K. S. Hedge and Shri H. V. Kamath, (Mover of the Resolution). The resolution was moved by Dr. T. Prasannasimha Rao; seconded by M. K. Rameswaram and supported unanimously by all the members present.

A simple and delightful function was arranged on 30-7-78 by Shri M. K. Rameswaram at his residence to felicitate Shri M. P. Pandit for his 60th birthday which passed on 14-6-78. The function was attended by the elite of Bangalore who wished Shri Pandit 'Many Happy Returns of the Day'. Shri Pandit replied briefly thanking all for their best wishes and also gave some impressions of his American tour.

Shri M. P. Pandit gave a talk on "The Mother's Message" on 31-7-78 at the Gokhale

Institute of Public Affairs which was presided over by Shri Nittoor Srinivasa Rao, former Vigilance Commissioner of the Government of India and Chief justice of Karnataka High Court (also a member of World Union Bangalore Centre).

As a part of the programme to reach the students of High School classes who are in their formative age, a series of four talks (to be delivered monthly) has been arranged and the same was inaugurated on 5-8-78 when Shri Thandaveswara, President, Bangalore Centre, addressed the boys of the Community Centre High School, Jayanagar, on the subject: "A World to Choose". It was presided over by Shri N. T. Raju, President of the Community Centre, Jayanagar, Bangalore.

***New Alipur* During the month of June 1978, in the weekly meetings (held every Thursday), Sri Rajan Ganguly of Sri Aurobindo Ashram explained the widening of consciousness in a lucid style, both inward and upward, by narrating an English story of a flying bird. The bird left its group and flew alone inspite of opposition and ultimately found the new world.**

During July 1978 "Question & Answer" series the role of Guru in Sadhana was discussed. It was explained that the all-time Guru is the inner being whose help is available if one can open properly.

15th August was celebrated in a befitting manner by Sri Ma Utsav Samiti of which Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee of New Alipur Centre is the Treasurer. The programme was arranged in collaboration with the Calcutta University in the University Hall where Dr. Mukherjee, amongst other eminent speakers, elaborated the third dream of Sri Aurobindo relating to human unity and world peace on a spiritual foundation and the role of India was explained in this light. Reference was made to the Innsbruck Conference and World Constitution and Parliament Association.

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August 21, 1978

"The throes of the contemporary world are those of a birth. And what is being born with such great pain is an universal society. What characterises the events we witness, what distinguishes them from all preceding events back to the origins of history is their global character."

Etienne Gilson

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An ounce of practice in promoting right human relations in family, neighbourhood, locality, town, region, nation, and the world is far more important than tonnes of theories or words for the promotion of world unity, world order, world government, global civilization, synthesis of cultures, international economic order.

To Our Members and Friends

We are passing through an era when clash and conflict of variety of ideas, ideals, ideologies, opinions, beliefs, knowledge and truths in every field of life are taking place on an unprecedented scale. Among the contestants or parties to the disputes, it will be found that hardly a few practice what they preach and, by and large, most of them preach theories without practice. The solution of problems—personal, national or international—demand that one should aspire and endeavour to do utmost to live upto what one knows or believes in. It is essential for every member of World Union to do his best to live upto the aims and ideals of World Union and to set an example and to become an influence over others. That is the way to promote and spread widely the ideals and aims of World Union.

Second National Convention of World Union Centres in India

The programme of the Convention has been finalised. It will meet on 22nd, 23rd and 24th October, 1978 at Ashutosh Memorial Hall, 27 Jawaharlal Nehru Road, (Behind Indian Museum) at Calcutta, under the Presidentship of Sri M. P. Pandit of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry. The Guest-in-Chief will be Dr. R. K. Dasgupta, Director of National Library, who will inaugurate the Convention.

PROGRAMME

21st October'78 . . From 5:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M. — Registration of Delegates at M. L. A. Hostel.

22nd October'78 . From 8:00 A. M. to 9:00 A. M. — Registration of Delegates at Ashutosh Memorial Hall (Venue).

22nd October'78 . . MORNING SESSION— 9:00 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

- 1. Recital from 'Savitri' with music.**
- 2. Group concentration with the Mother's tape-recorded music.**
- 3. Centenary salutation & Invocation—Sri M. P. Pandit.**
- 4. Welcome address: Sri B. K. Swaika, Chairman, Reception Committee.**
- 5. Offering of Badges — To the Chief Guest and other distinguished and special guests by the Chairman of the Reception Committee.**
- 6. A brief address on the happy meetings—Prof. N. S. Govinda Rao, President, India Centre.**

TEA BREAK (Half an Hour)

7. Reports:

- (a) Two decades of World Union (a brief history) — Sri A. B. Patel, General Secretary.**
- (b) India Centre & its Activities — Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row, Secretary, India Centre.**
- (c) A few words on "The Second National Convention" — Sri Samar Basu, Convener.**
- (d) A unique opportunity — Sri T. K. Sinha, Secretary, Regional Centre, West Bengal.**
- 8. Inaugural address by the CHIEF GUEST.**
- 9. Release of the SOUVENIR by the Chief Guest and presentation of the first copy to the Chief Guest by the President.**
- 10. Key-note address — Sri M. P. Pandit.**

RECESS FOR LUNCH & FREE TIME . . . 12:30 P.M. — 5:00 P.M.

EVENING SESSION — 5:00 P. M. to 7:30 P. M.

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| 1. Seminar | INDIAN PHILOSOPHY & WORLD UNITY |
| Chairman | Sri Amiya Kumar Mazumdar, Calcutta |
| Participants | (a) Dr. Devi Prosad Sen, Calcutta. |

Rapporteur (b) Dr. Nirod Baran Chakravarty, Calcutta.
Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, Calcutta.

TEA BREAK

Cultural Programme

Birth of Sri Krishna—(Songs with Sanskrit & English interpretation) by Dr. Basanti Chowdhury, Konnagar, Vice Principal, Howrah Girls' College.

23rd October, 1978 — MORNING SESSION — 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Seminar	Indian Polity & World Unity.
Chairman	Dr. R. C. Ghosh, Calcutta.
Participants	(i) Dr. Sobhanlal Mukherjee, Calcutta, (ii) Prof. K. C. Pal, Calcutta.
Rapporteur	Dr. N. R. Madhava Menon, Pondicherry.

TEA BREAK

FIRST TRIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL—INDIA CENTRE

1. (a) Selection of President for the next term and discussion on other ancillary matters.
- (b) Address by the outgoing President—Prof. N.S. Govinda Rao

EVENING SESSION—5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Seminar	"Indian Education—History & Culture and World Unity".
Chairman	Sri Rohit Mehta, Varanasi.
Participants	<p>(i) Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, Lucknow, and Mr. E. W. Franklin, General Secretary, All India Federation of Educational Association, New Delhi.</p> <p>(ii) Prof. Sankar Dutta, Calcutta.</p> <p>(iii) Dr. Arun Sil, Calcutta.</p>
Rapporteur	Sri Haneef Jawaid, Bangalore.

TEA BREAK—8:00 P.M. to 8:15 P.M.

Cultural Programme . . . 8:15 P.M.

Vocal Music — Classical — Smt. Salem S. Jayalakshmi, Madras.

24th October, 1978 . . . 9:00 A.M. — Seminar Conclusion & Deliberations — Sri M. P. Pandit.

U. N. Day — Open Session . . . From 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

President Sri A. B. Patel.

Guest Speaker Shri H. V. Kamath, M.P., New Delhi.

Subject — "The U. N. O., World Government and Sri Aurobindo".

- (a) Welcome and introductory address — Sri J. N. Puri, New Delhi.**
- (b) Address by the Guest Speaker.**
- (c) Address by Sri M. K. Banerjee, Director, South East Asian Regional Centre of World Association of World Federalists.**
- (d) Discussion on the subject.**
- (e) Presidential address.**
- (f) Vote of thanks — Sri T. K. Sinha, Secretary, Regional Centre.**
- (g) Closing Song — Rabindra Sangeet.**

World Constituent Assembly at Colombo

Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe, President of WCPA, Sri Lanka Branch, Mahara Walauwa, Kadamawa, Sri Lanka, has approved the following proposals made by World Union to simplify the procedure for delegates from India to attend the Assembly.

1. The list of participants will be sent to Dr. Amerasinghe to enable him to send the same, through the Immigration Department of Colombo, to the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in New Delhi and Deputy High Commissioners in Madras and Bombay so that visas for travel to Sri Lanka could be obtained easily by all concerned.

2. Information has already been given in the "September Focus" about the cost of travel. For those who wish to travel by rail, Shri Puran Singh Azad, General Secretary, World Constitution & Parliament Association, India Committee, 38 Northend Complex, Rama Krishna Ashram Marg, New Delhi 110001, is trying for rail concession within India and participants travelling by rail should send their names and addresses to him.

3. As Foreign Exchange Restrictions prevail in India every participant has to pay only \$ 5.00 as fee for registration as a Delegate or a Volunteer. Unless he or she wishes otherwise a participant can sign the Call at Colombo and give a Pledge to work a maximum of 40 hours per year for the next three years in the Campaign for the Ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, in order to qualify as a Delegate, which Pledge need not be given by a Volunteer. Therefore, a participant can sign the Call and the Pledge in the Registration Office at Colombo and give \$. 5.00 in Sri Lanka currency to enrol as a Delegate or Volunteer.

4. Every participant has to write to Dr. Amerasinghe for the accommodation needed (consulting one's purse).

5. A participant, wanting to join Post Conference tours to the sacred cities, the beaches and the Wild Life Sanctuaries of Sri Lanka, can obtain information and particulars from Dr. Amerasinghe.

Shri H. V. Kamath's Bill in the Lok Sabha

We are happy to inform all concerned that on the 4th August, 1978, the Lok Sabha adopted unanimously a motion to extend upto February 23, 1979, the time fixed for eliciting public opinion on Shri Kamath's Bill, for the amendment of the Constitution of India, to enable the Government of India to take the initiative in convening a World Constituent Assembly for the formation of a World Federal Government. The House had earlier decided to circulate the Bill to elicit public opinion by August 10, 1978.

In support of the motion to extend time upto February 23, 1979, Shri Kamath said that it would enable State Governments and others interested in the Bill to give their considered opinion. So far, he said, the Maharashtra Government had forwarded the opinion of three individuals on the Bill. Various bodies and associations have also welcomed the objective of the Bill.

This extension of time provides an opportunity to all non-governmental organizations, eminent persons, legislators in various States and others to lend their full support to the objects of the Bill and to convey the same to the Prime Minister of India and to the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

India On the 27th August, 1978 under the Forum for 'Human Unity' a meeting was held at 10:00 A. M. in Sri Ramakrishna Students' Home, Visveswarapuram, Bangalore. Sri Haneef Jawaaid gave a scholarly talk on "The Need of the Hour—Disarmament".

Baranagar On 3rd September 1978, Baranagar Centre held its monthly meeting which is scheduled on the first Sunday of each English calendar month, at 9:00 A. M. in the Centre's Office at 28/1 Manna Para Road, Calcutta 700050. Opening music on Sitar and Tabla was played by Sri Mantra Bhattacharya and Sri Sankha Bhattacharya. After collective meditation, the Chairman of the Centre, Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, explained the Vedic ideal: 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakkam' and "Yatra Biswa Bhabatyeka Nirham" and the guideline laid by Sri Aurobindo in his book the "Ideal of Human Unity" as well as the promising attempt of the time in "A Constitution for the Federation of Earth".

Sri Dilip Kumar Deb informed the house in details about the Second National Convention of World Union Centres in India, scheduled on 22nd, 23rd and 24th October '78 at Calcutta and about the Third Session of the World Constituent Assembly at Colombo from 29th December '78 to 6th January '79. Sri Debendra Nath Roy was elected as Office Secretary of the Centre.

Uttarpara The Centre held its 60th monthly meeting on the 15th August, 1978 to observe the 107th birth anniversary day of Sri Aurobindo. The student members organised a symposium on "Towards a New World Order" and Sri Samar Basu spoke on "The 15th August and its Cosmic Significance". Sri Sudhindra Kumar Gupta presided.

The Centre also held its 61st monthly meeting on the 9th September '78 as usual at Amarendra Vidyapith. Sri S. K. Gupta, Chairman of the Centre spoke on "Spiritual Sadhana in India and Sri Aurobindo". Though the subject was very broad and could not be explained in a single lecture, Sri Gupta in a very nice and attractive way discussed the whole subject by dividing it into a number of stages ensued at different times from the Vedic age to the modern epoch under the guidance of different "Yugacharyas"—which he stated as important land-marks in the history of Spiritual Sadhana in India which culminated at the end in the Integral Yoga or Yoga of transformation as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo.

Before the Seminar started Sri Samar Basu submitted a brief report on the Centre's activities during the last five years and at the end he requested the members to take part in the ensuing Convention as also to attend the Third Session of the WCPA to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Chakradharpur On the auspicious occasion of the 15th August '78 the members of World Union Centre and Sri Aurobindo Society Centre jointly celebrated Sri Aurobindo's 107th Birth Anniversary through various programmes. In the early morning young and old members took part in "Pravat Feri" with the children of "Shishu Chakra". All walked through the streets of the locality with the portraits of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's flag with chorus hymns of patriotic Rabindra sangeet. The morning programme ended after the hoisting of the Mother's flag, meditation and P. T. demonstration by the young staff of "Shishu Chakra" in the premises of the Society Centre.

In the evening all the members, children and devotees of the locality paid their homage to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother by lighting up Ashram's incense sticks in the Meditation Hall in a calm and quiet atmosphere as is done at the Ashram Samadhi. Then after a 'Giti Alekhya' named "TOMAI PRANAM KORI" (written by Sri Satadal) supported by suitable Rabindra Sangeet was staged by the members selected for the purpose. The programme also included reading from "Prayers & Meditations", recitation from "Savitri" and other spiritual poems. It concluded with a vote of thanks by the Chief Guest Sri Sashiker.

Regional Centre The Executive Committee meeting of this Centre was held on the 4th September, 1978. The resignation of Sri Sailendranath Roy Chowdhury as Chairman was noted with regrets and also with appreciation of the work he had done so far. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya was selected as Chairman. The meeting also welcomed the new committee of World Union Konnagar Centre formed on 26.8.78 and resolved that Prof. Satya Prasad Chatterjee, the New Secretary of the Centre, be Ex. Officio member of the State Council. Other matters concerning the working of the Centre were also dealt with in the meeting.

Shillong The monthly meeting of the Centre was held on 9.9.78 and besides discussion on the administrative matters relating to the Unit, the members present, passed the following resolution unanimously : "The members of the World Union, Shillong Centre, unanimously support the non-official Private Bill introduced by Shri H. V. Kamath, for amending article 51 of the Constitution of India, and request the Executive Committee of the World Union International Centre, Pondicherry, to urge all the M.Ps. formally to support this Bill, so that the proposed amendment may be passed by the Parliament".

Tamil Nadu The present Office-bearers of the Centre are : Chairperson : Smt. Rasika H. Kothari ; Vice-Chairperson : Salem S. Jayalakshmi ; Hon. Secretary : Smt. Aruna A. Doctor (whose address is : Arulaga, 7 Bishop Waller's Avenue, Opposite Woodland Hotel, Mylapore, Madras 600004) and Hon. Joint Secretary : Miss Neena S. Patel.

Bangalore At the monthly meeting on 3.9.78 Sri Ba. Na. Sundara Rao, noted Journalist and Writer, spoke on "The Contribution of Kannada Literature to World Culture". He gave a vivid and graphic description of how the Kannada literature had contributed to the World Culture, while laying stress on how it had helped towards the unification of the culture by spreading its own culture in far off and distant lands while absorbing the good from all parts of the earth. He laid stress on how language could act as a unifying force, if it is developed in a way by which it could be easily understood and learnt by all.

The second talk in the series of four arranged at the Community Centre High School, Jayanagar, was given by Sri M. K. Rameswaram on 9.9.78 on the subject : "The Practice of One World". He said that all people wherever they may live, should cultivate the habit of thinking, talking and working in terms of "One World" and "Unity in Diversity" and cited examples of great men who worked in that direction.

As a part of carrying the message of the world unity, an extension lecture was arranged under the auspices of the Basava Samithi where Sri M. K. Rameswaram gave a talk on the subject "World Peace through World Unity". It was presided over by Dr. A. C. Deve Gowda, Former Director of Public Instruction and attended by a distinguished gathering including High Court Judges.

World Union Day Celebration

Regional Centre The twentieth foundation day of World Union, conducted by the Regional Centre, West Bengal, was observed on the 20th August, 1978 at Narua Sikshanketan Building, Chandernagore, in a befitting and impressive manner. Chandernagore Centre acted as the host. The day's programme started at 9:00 A.M. after the hoisting of Mother's flag by Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharjee and 'Bande Mataram' song by Sri Induprakash Bannerjee. Thereafter, group concentration and two devotional songs, sung by Shri Banerjee and translated originally from the Mother's writing by Smt. Vijaya Mazumdar, a member of Chandernagore Centre were presented. The Secretaries and Members of different Centres

were introduced by Sri T. K. Sinha, Secretary of the Regional Centre. At the end of the morning programme breakfast was served.

The next item was oration by the student members of various Centres on the focal theme "Towards a New World Order". The students participated individually and in groups. It was conducted by Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharjee. The participants were Sukanta Mitra, Premangsu Chatterjee (Chakraberia Centre), Saibal Bose (Alambazar Centre), Sankha Bhattacharjee, Mantra Bhattacharjee (Baranagar Centre), Tripti Dutta (Calcutta Centre), Ranu Das (North Calcutta Centre), Krishna Bhattacharya (Konnagar Centre), Shampa Bhattacharya, Nabanita Bhattacharya, Banani Dasgupta (Uttarpara Centre). The whole performance was special in its own way.

Thereafter a part of the discussions on World Union, World Government, World Constitution and Kamath's Bill took place followed by break for lunch and free time at 1:00 P. M. These discussions were resumed at 2:30 P. M. The participants were Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Sri Sujit Kumar Palit, and Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharjee. The meeting was presided over by Sri Samar Basu. It was noted that a New Chairman of the Regional Centre was to be selected and it was decided that the Executive Committee of the Centre should do so in its next meeting. Km. Riddhi Chatterjee of Konnagar Centre and Sri Kalyan Roy of North Calcutta Centre sang two devotional songs. This programme lasted upto 4:00 P. M. after which there was a break for evening tea.

The last part of the programme was an enchanting cultural function open to public. It opened with a chorus song by Smt. Krishna Chakraborty and Bani Mukherjee of Swaralipi Music College followed by a recitation by Km. Esha Mazumdar, a student member of Chandernagore Centre. A concert programme of instrumental music was conducted by Mantra Bhattacharya, Sankha Bhattacharya and others of Baranagar Centre. Smt. Krishna Palit of North Calcutta Centre read poems composed by herself. Sri Kalyan Roy of North Calcutta and Rathin Debsharma of Chandernagore Centre sang songs of devotion. At the end one nice Giti Alekhsya was staged by Chandernagore Centre in collaboration with the music college Swaralipi of Chandernagore, - under the caption "Sarbang Khalidang Brahman". The author and the narrator of the Alekhsya was Dr. B. N. Baral, Secretary of Chandernagore Centre and the Director was Smt. Shanti Debi, Principal of the music college. Other participants in vocal and instrumental music were Sri Nilangshu Chatterjee, Smt. Krishna Chakraborty, Smt. Bani Mukherjee, Smt. Basanti Ghosh, Sri Bimalangshu Chatterjee and Sri Kashinath Chatterjee. The programme ended at 6:30 P. M. with thanks giving by Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharjee.

Nanjangud World Union Day was celebrated on 21st August at the Centre's Office. Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan, the President and Lion B. V. Balasubramanyam, one of the Vice-Presidents, spoke. Lion K. Venkatasubban, one of the Vice-Presidents presided. The speakers gave prominence to the idea of a World Government and Shri H. V. Kamath's Historic Bill in Lok Sabha recently pleading for the early formation of a Constituent Assembly in collaboration with other nations to draft the Constitution for a World Federal Government. Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan said that there is an imperative need for a World Federation in

view of the horrors of Modern warfare. The world is at the critical cross-roads. A third world war will spell disaster to the world. He quoted Nehru: "We should put an end to nuclear weapons or nuclear weapons will put an end to us". War will become a thing of the past if a World Government is established. A World Government is not an Utopian idea. Great thinkers like Bertrand Russell, H. G. Wells, Gandhi, Nehru, Tagore, Dr. Radhakrishnan and Sri Aurobindo made a passionate plea for it. Our Vedic seers stressed the idea "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"—(Mankind is One Family). A World Federation is the only remedy for the world's malady. The speaker was all appreciation for the Historic Bill by Shri H. V. Kamath who has rendered yeoman's service by introducing such Bill for the first time in the annals of our history. The Bill deserves whole-hearted support of one and all.

Lion B. V. Balasubrahmanyam observed that thanks to the epoch-making advancement in science and technology the world has shrunk in space. Today one can have his breakfast in India, lunch in London and dinner in the States. Travel has become so quick. The Planet Earth is one and indivisible. Had there been no seas the earth would be a vast stretch of continuous and contiguous land. Every human being, be he a blackman or a whiteman has the same blood in his body. The normal temperature of every person is 98.6. It is time everybody cultivated a broad International outlook. He spoke in highly appreciative terms about the idea of a World Government. A World Government would solve the ills of the present day world.

The speaker pointed out that some nations have a surplus of resources, while others have little food, little clothing and little shelter. This is most anomalous. A World Government can in no time set this right. The world viewed as a whole is not over-populated. There are food resources in the world sufficient for 76 billion people. If a World Federation is established it can redistribute the world's population and the resources.

The speaker paid glowing tributes to Shri H. V. Kamath for introducing the Bill in the Lok Sabha and for making such a powerful plea for steps to form a World Government in collaboration with other nations. This Bill will go down in history. India is the first country in the world to take the initiative in this matter. Shri Kamath deservedly received superlative tributes for his meritorious services. It is the sacred duty of everyone to extend the fullest support to his Bill. Sri G. P. Subbadi the Joint Secretary of World Union Nanjangud Centre proposed a vote of thanks.

Lucknow A meeting was held on August 28, 1978 in the Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Lucknow, to celebrate the 'World Union Day'. It was well attended by the students and teachers of the Mahila College. Dr. (Miss) K. Sabarwal, the Principal of the College, introduced the speakers of the day and the topic "The Emerging New World Order". Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, Coordinator of World Union, Northern Zone, said that one of the dreams of Sri Aurobindo was that the ideal of human unity must be realised and India should take a lead in this movement.

Sri Anand Pratap, a member of the Centre, stated that the ideal of human unity will be achieved soon because the new world order is emerging. He emphasized the development of moral and spiritual values and referred to the concept of supramental manifestation as

explained by Sri Aurobindo. Sri Rajesh Vaish, a member of the Bombay Centre, was also present on this occasion. He spoke on the emerging new world order and emphasized the need for change in attitudes and the development of goodwill and fellow feeling for all. Dr. (Miss) K. Sabarwal wound up the proceedings of the meeting and stated that the task was difficult. Greatmen like Sri Aurobindo have shown the path leading towards world unity and brotherhood of man. We should all endeavour to achieve the ideal of human unity at all levels of our life.

Shillong "World Union Day" was observed by the Centre at Sri Aurobindo Patha Mandir at Shillong on 20.8.78. The members attended meditation at 8:00 A. M. and a symposium was held from 4:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. on "New World Order" under the Presidentship of Sri Ramesh Chandra, Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya. It commenced with an opening song by Smts. Debjani Deb and Sumona Dey.

Sri S. J. Das, the Unit President initiated the discussion and also spoke about the activities of the World Union. The appointed speakers, Sri R. N. Barua, Ex. President of the Unit, Smt. Angel Marbaniang, Principal, Lady Kean College, Smt. D. Sailo, Principal, Girls' H. E. School, and the President, Sri Ramesh Chandra delivered illuminating speeches. Smts. Thanpuii, Dinpuii, Romanii and Rosnii and also Smts. Minakshi Kakoti and Smritirekha Barua sang different songs, intervening the speeches. The function ended with a closing song by Smt. Bina Roy Choudhury.

Bangalore The 20th anniversary of the formation of "World Union" was celebrated on 20.8.78 at the Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs and as a part of the programme a symposium had been arranged on the subject "Towards A New World Order". Eminent men in the fields of law and justice, medicine, trade, industry and commerce and journalism took part in the symposium and gave their inspiring, scintillating and instructive views on the subject.

Sri M. Rahmatullah, Former Vigilance Commissioner of Karnataka, who moderated, expressed the hope and said that the day when the World Union International would have its own broadcasting system to propagate the high ideals it cherished was not far off and sooner than later it would be able to master the public opinion in favour of the noble ideals: "Unity in Diversity and all human beings are children of God belonging to a single Family."

Mr. Justice Rama Jois, Judge, Karnataka High Court expressed his happiness at the Constitution amendment Bill moved by Shri H. V. Kamath, M.P., in the Lok Sabha suggesting the formation of a World Constituent Assembly to draft a Constitution for a World Federal Government. He also suggested that suitable international laws should be enacted enabling men to have freedom to travel and the right to earn and acquire property anywhere they wished without having any restriction. The other participants, were Sri N. Bhoomanand Manay, Vice-President, F. K. C. C. I., Dr. M. Rajashekarappa, Chief Physician, E. S. I. Hospital, Rajajinagar and Sri S. Sapru of Deccan Herald. The proceedings commenced with an invocation by Km. Geetha Rameswaram and welcome by Sri Sri Thandaveswara, President, Bangalore Centre. Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana spoke about the Second National Con-

vention to be held in Calcutta, while Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row spoke about the significance of the 'Day'. The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks by Sri M.K. Rameswaram. The function was attended by eminent persons from all walks of life and the auditorium was packed to capacity. It was a significant event in the history of World Union Bangalore Centre.

Chakradharpur On the 20th August, 1978 the World Union Day and Centre's Foundation Day was simultaneously commemorated in a befitting manner. In the evening at 7:30 P. M. the programme started with the recordings of the Mother's recitation from 'Savitri', and meditation. Then in the Secretary's speech Sri Prasanta Chakraborty briefly expounded the ideal and advancement of the World Union Movement and also mentioned the past and present activities of the Centre, seeking financial help and cooperation for future programmes. Another speaker, Sri P. K. Ghose vividly explained the need of human unity from ancient ages to the present age, quoting references from the Veda, Upanishads and other religious books. The programme also included songs of universal consciousness, recitation from 'Savitri' and its translations in Bengali by Sri K. B. Ghose who was the Hon'ble Chief Guest for the function. The programme ended with a vote of thanks to the audience present.

New Centres

Madras The inaugural meeting of the New World Union Madras Centre was held on the 19th August, 1978 at 5:00 P. M. in Raj Bhavan, Madras, under the Presidentship of His Excellency Shri Prabhudas Patwari, the Governor of Tamil Nadu and the President of the Centre. The meeting commenced with a brief meditation. Dr. Kamoo Patel of World Union International, Pondicherry, traced the history of the World Union movement and introduced the distinguished speakers to the gathering. Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal of Lucknow University, Lucknow, and Vice-Chairman of World Union International delivered a welcome speech and explained the ideals of World Union. In his Presidential address Shri Prabhudas Patwari stated that the ideals of World Union should emanate from the inner feelings and not merely from a formality. One should understand Gandhiji's teachings. Humanity ought to realise that nuclear weapons will not be destructive against whom the same is used, but for everyone, including the nations who manufacture and use them against others. He recalled the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He wanted the World Union movement to spread like a Cyclone. He recalled how the great civilizations and empires like the mighty Roman Empire crumbled and situation changed. To avoid catastrophe, humanity must learn to share pains and pleasure together and there should be no one way traffic among nations. He said that concerted efforts were needed for the spread of the World Union ideals and assured not only his individual help but also that of his government. Sri K. B. Jagadish, the Honorary Secretary of the Centre, proposed a vote of thanks. The membership drive was launched and seven new members were enrolled. The Office-bearers of the Centre are: President: Shri

Prabhudas Patwari; Vice-President: Sri Sathrasala Venkataram; Hon. Secretary: Sri K. B. Jagadish and Joint Secretary : Sri N. K. Krishnamurty.

The meeting of the World Union Madras Centre was held under the Joint auspices of the Centre and Theosophical Society of Adyar, Madras, at 9:15 A.M. on 3rd September, 1978 at the Headquarters Hall of the Theosophical Society. The meeting commenced with a brief meditation. Shri Prabhudas Patwari, the Governor of Tamil Nadu, presided. In his Presidential address he mentioned that the world is facing a series of crises, all of which the United Nations will not be able to tackle. He desired a strong public opinion to forge a world union. He deplored that there is a great gulf between preaching and practice in the present world, that people forget good ideals and norms, thereby raising a great many challenges. Human beings should not be fanatics of any dogma, nor be silent spectators of whatever happens. We should live not merely for satisfying our own particular needs, but should sacrifice much to achieve a world union and a world government. A mass movement should emanate to save humanity from crisis after crisis, from imbalances and inequalities and from the nuclear danger of mass annihilation. It is in the interests of all us that a dynamic movement like World Union spreads, to see that the various anomalies are removed and that the world becomes One. He recalled what Gandhiji said: "I would not like to live in this world if it is not to be one world".

Mr. John B. S. Coats, International President of the Theosophical Society, spoke on "World Union and World Government" and dealt at some length on the various aspects of World Union and the objectives of World Government. Mr. Coats, at the very outset, said that he, along with great many theosophists, should be happy to work together with World Union. There is no doubt that it is One World and we are part of it. The mass media is very much there, and the economics of the whole world is inextricably linked. He cited the example, among others, of the Oil crisis and its effects all over the world. In one sense, it is One World, but we live apart. He said that prejudices of race, creed and caste etc., should go and fear, such as the future of one's family and children, should not pre-occupy the minds of people to a large extent. He wanted that the newspapers could help people to develop a world view of things and a world interest.

Mr. Coats mentioned that he had written a personal letter, the day before, to Mr. G. Kasturi, Editor of "The Hindu", requesting that "The Hindu", apart from necessarily reflecting the news and views of the Indian scene, should not function to the Quasi-exclusion of World News in its front pages and headlines. He commended World Union on its work and its nicely brought out handout which was distributed to the gathering. He wanted that once and for all the thought of Eastern Block, Western Block, and the Third World should disappear. He referred to the United Nations and the part it can play and the need for cooperation among nations. The Theosophical Society would be one with World Union and its objectives, reflecting of course, the spiritual purpose of World Union and a World Government. Sri R. Gopalratnam, Secretary of the Theosophical Society, proposed a hearty vote of thanks.

After the vote of thanks discussion followed in which Mr. Coats took great interest and conversed freely and frankly with everyone present. He devoted the whole forenoon

for the discussions with the members present. It was a very lively discussion and many members from the audience participated. Sri K. B. Jagadish briefed the gathering about the continuing efforts of the World Constitution and Parliament Association, with its headquarters in Lakewood, Colorado, U. S. A., for setting up a World Constituent Assembly and a World Government. Mr. Coats evinced great interest in the WCPA and wanted a copy of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth adopted last year at Innsbruck, Austria, and now being circulated world-wide for ratification by nations and peoples of earth. The discussion threw light on many useful subjects.

Kalakankar This Centre was formed in early August 1978 under the guidance of Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, the Coordinator of World Union in the Northern Region. Prof. Prabhakar Singh, the Principal of Madan Mohan Malviya (Post Graduate) Degree college, Kalakankar, is the Chairman. Sri M. S. Parmar, a Lecturer in the said college, is the Secretary. They both have the same address of the College at Kalakankar—230203 (Pratapgarh, U.P.). The said college was founded in 1966 by Raja Dinesh Singh, M.P., and Ex. Foreign Union Minister. It is hoped that through this Centre the message of human unity and world peace will reach the rural youth in that area.

Alleppey This Centre in Kerala has been revived by Mr. Peter Thomas who is the Secretary with the address: Athikkalam, VELIYANAD POST, Via: Changanacherry, (Kerala 689590). Sri P. Chandrasekhar Panikar, Advocate and President of the Theosophical Society in Alleppey is the Chairman of the Centre.

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RIISING TIDE OF NEW CONSCIOUSNESS

Problems confronting humanity are being tackled on a global basis by an ever increasing number of international gatherings and their solutions searched; interdependence of nations and peoples of the world has become an accomplished fact; there are persons around the world, though small in number, who consider themselves world citizens and are aspiring and endeavouring to shape a new world based on principles of truth, justice, fraternity equality and liberty and to abolish old institutions such as war, racial discrimination, social inequality, domination, exploitation...

To Our Members and Friends

Constitution for the Federation of Earth

The Plenary Session of the 58th Conference of the International Law Association, held at Manila, Phillipines, unanimously adopted a Resolution on the 2nd September 1978 calling for the establishment of a World Government and for that purpose endorsed the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, which was adopted by the World Constituent Assembly convened by the World Constitution and Parliament Association of USA at Innsbruck, Austria, in June 1977. President Marcos of Phillipines, while inaugurating the Conference, gave a call for a World Government as the ultimate goal of the Humanity. During the course of his inaugural speech he said: "Thus the vision and dream among men of the Law of a Supra-national authority governing the affairs of nations fills many of us with both hope and despair. The United Nations is far from a World Government, and that, perhaps is a problem."

The World and Executive Board Members of the International Cooperation Council of California, U. S. A., resolved unanimously on the 9th September 1978 ratifying the Constitution for the Federation of Earth and deciding to publish the fact of the ratification in ICC's monthly publication "Spectrum".

International Conferences in Seventies

The United Nations initiated a series of Conferences during the last seven years to tackle pressing problems of a world in transition. In June 1972 the United Nations Environment Conference met in Stockholm, Sweden, on the human environment which made the world conscious of the problems of ecology of the Planet Earth, and of the fact that pollution does not stop at national boundaries or in any one area of the world. The Conference made people and national governments aware of the need to prevent the pollution of air, water and land and to do it as a continuing process. In 1974 a second major world Conference was held at Bucharest, Romania, on the problem of population explosion which has become a very difficult question. Conflicting views were expressed at the Conference but there was the general desire to understand the dimensions of the problem and to define and redefine policies to meet it. An International Conference for Women was held in 1975 at Mexico. It was an important Conference and brought together many different views; but it certainly served the purpose of awakening the women of the world to the need for their liberation. The diversity of view points expressed in the Conference was helpful and useful because it resulted in establishing the Current United Nations Decade for Women and in deciding to hold a Second Conference in the middle of the Decade in Teheran in 1980 to assess the progress made. In December 1975 was held a major International Conference—the World Food Conference in Rome, Italy. Prior to the Conference there were successive crop failures in various parts of the world, and there was an overall shortage of food. The problem of food supply to the world, particularly in deficit areas, was considered by the Conference and it was decided to spend about a billion dollars in the next three years on improving agricultural development in the food deficit areas.

In 1976 there was a Conference in Vancouver called Habitat, a Conference on human settlements. Many fundamental problems were discussed and the question of land use was given a serious thought. Special attention was given to the problem of how much land can be spared for cities and how much must be retained for agriculture. In 1977 a Water Conference was held at Mar del Plata, in Argentina. It is often feared that the Planet Earth may not have necessary water supply for all areas because some areas may have too much water and others may not have enough. A Conference was held in September 1977 in Nairobi, Kenya, on deserts. The chief problem before the Conference

was how to preserve areas from becoming deserts and how to reclaim the areas which have already become deserts. The reasons why there is an increase in deserts was explored. The last but not the least was a Special Session of the United Nations' General Assembly on Disarmament in New York in May/June 1978. All these Conferences were arranged on the United Nations Platform with a planetary perspective. These Conferences helped accumulation of necessary information and data on the various subjects, their effect on human life and on planetary resources. This all has given members of international civil service and scientists a new perspective, the need for planetary planning. Regardless of any national opinion as to success of these Conferences from the point of view of mankind, each Conference has certainly emphasised the urgent need for international cooperation and has stimulated national governments to take action. For example, since the Stockholm Conference on environment nearly every government has instituted some form of environmental agency or authority.

Interdependence

Locus Creative Leisure Society of P. O. Box 653, Sooke, B. C. , Canada, has sent us an International Declaration of Interdependence—a peoples' participation document, with the hope that it is reprinted, distributed and shared with others. It reads:

History teaches us that both unlimited power and powerlessness breed corruption; that where all human beings are not valued, humanity is violated; that where differences divide us, they limit and distort us; that independence is an illusion and unlimited freedom is tyranny, plunging whole societies and people into chaos and bondage. Human survival requires interdependence.

We have been called to new consciousness by impending crises that threaten to overwhelm us if we obediently serve institutions that do not serve us.

We will no longer endure the corruption of power which risks the world's future by ignoring the rights and well-being of persons and communities. The imperative of the present is to struggle for economic equality and human fulfilment. To be fully human is to share life's struggles, to respond to the dignity of ourselves and others, to be committed to the growth of one another, to develop and support human community. It is necessary then to risk, to be in conflict, to suffer, to love, to celebrate, and to work together for the actualization of a just society and world community without exploitation.

DECLARATION

We make this declaration living in the midst of a world in which people are subservient and oppressed, and women, men and children are repressed, brutalized, violated,

alienated and made to be competitive. In making this Declaration we seek a new order and covenant ourselves to a fully interdependent society. We live in a world in which love has yielded to war, art to science, religion to materialism, the feminine to the masculine, and sexually to violence. We are committed to the discovery of a humanity which lays claim to the fullness of life and the need for economic equality.

In declaring our interdependence with all peoples, we see the need for communities of persons and their interdependence with one another. We affirm our common humanity and we respect one another's personal growth process. We accept our responsibility to share visions, hopes and basic needs with one another and to attain and preserve our freedom to live and grow without exploitation.

In declaring our interdependence with the earth we affirm our reliance on it, our mutual responsibility for it and the rights of all persons to the fruits thereof.

In declaring our interdependence with Divine Reality we recognise the sacred mystery within and around us.

We now make this declaration. We are interdependent with the good earth, with all people, and with divine reality.

We are dedicated to the equal empowerment of all people and to the expression of each person's creativity.

We shall commit ourselves only to a world system in which food, shelter, clothing, health care and aesthetic environment are the rights of all people.

We shall create a climate for the creative development of each person's human potential; and a system for the equal distribution of all human and material resources for all people.

We shall respect the dignity and privacy of the individual personality and living relationships.

We are committed to lifelong learning with access to materials and tools of education for all persons and for the responsible use of communication media.

We are committed to all people being responsible for public institutions of government, law, education, business, and religion, and to the concept that those institutions be responsive and responsible to the goals of the people.

We shall value and share open access to all public information and shall protect and value individual rights.

We shall value, protect, restore, improve, and enjoy the world that we inherit.

We shall use the world's resources for mutual benefit and share them among all peoples.

We shall enjoy and respect the sacredness and privacy of our bodies and shall bring into the world children who are wanted.

We shall use and control technology for the survival and protection of nature and all people.

We shall honour and protect people's right to gather as they choose in religious or other communities.

We shall support each other in pursuit of truths which emerge from our diverse experiences and histories, rejecting those exclusive claims to truth which deny the sacred existence of other peoples' truths or ways.

We shall be open to revelations that extend beyond the boundaries of our current understanding and wisdom.

We shall recognize the divine within ourselves and in one another.

We disclaim any right to privilege in order to honour the full dignity and development of all and take up responsibility for instituting a just society.

We long for light to shine on our darkness and life on the shadow of death, and for our feet to be guided in the way of peace, justice and evolutionary development. We shall live with grace and struggle with courage through the transitional years that lie ahead, for the benefit of the world's people.

World Symposium on Humanity

World Symposium on Humanity will be held simultaneously in Toronto-London-Los Angeles from April 7 to 14, 1979. All the three events will be linked by interactive video satellite. There will also be Arts Festival, Third World Congress, Children's Symposium, Media Cathedral, sponsored by the Humanity Foundation. Prominent and well informed primary speakers will participate at all the three Centres and could be seen via satellite on all three sites. We do not propose to give full information about the Symposium but a brief summary of its aims and activities addressed to the people of the world reads:-

Today, paradox surrounds us on all sides. Technological achievement exists alongside ecological crisis; unparalleled literacy and instantaneous communication exist alongside moral and physical deterioration. Freedom and security contrast with tyranny and terror; there are millions of well-fed people, but many more millions are starving.

"Just as we have achieved the practical means to create a unified global society, we have also created the means to destroy it all. There are no easy answers—no messiahs, no new political ideologies, no miraculous scientific breakthroughs can lead us through these times. We must now count on each other, on the sense of decency and proportion in the heart of each of us. That is difficult, because it means that each of us has responsibility to all the others.

"Our first great challenge is to create a consensus that fundamental change is possible—to create a climate, a framework, which can integrally organize and coordinate the forces which are today striving for growth along seemingly separate paths. Until we have created that master context, all talk of strategy is meaningless. Action upto that point will only endlessly recreate the problems.

"This is the purpose of the World Symposium on Humanity—to sketch out that context, and create an irresistibly vibrant vision, a new paradigm, for constructive humanist action. We aim to engage a wide public in practical debates and affirmations of hope; 3000 participants will attend each of the three live events, and up to 10,000,000 people will view parts of the proceedings on their home televisions, or at specially-organized public centers.

"This is an opportunity for all those who regard themselves as world citizens to come together, to organize, and to drink deep from the well of collective intuition."

The publication regarding the Symposium gives an interesting quotation of Norman Cousins: "Infinity converts the possible into the inevitable".

The project of the Symposium is dedicated to all seeking souls, to relief of the pain and an enhancement of the beauty of our fascinating planet . . . It will deal with Culture and Community, Energy and Technology, Consciousness and Health, Justice and Religion, Education and Evolution.

The address of the Humanity Foundation, Organizers of the Symposium, is: 2173 West 4th Ave., Vancouver, B. C., Canada V6K 1N7.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

***India Centre* Under the "Forum for Human Unity" Sri Haneef Jawaid gave a talk on "The Seminar on China" on Sunday the 24th September, 1978 at 10:00 A. M. in the premises of Sri Ramakrishna Students' Home, Jain Temple Road, Visveswarapuram, Bangalore 560004.**

***Chandernagore* The July Seminar was held at the French Institute, Strand Road, Chandernagore on 9.7.78 at 4:30 P. M. under the Presidentship of Shri S. S. De Sarkar. The guest speaker was Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, President of the Regional Centre and the theme of discussion was, "Toward A New World Order". After the opening song by Smt. Radha Biswas there was group concentration. The Secretary, Dr. B. N. Baral read out the report of the previous Seminar. Sri P. Ghosh gave an introductory of the theme. Then Sri Purnendu Prasad began the discussion in his usual style. He gave examples from the present world events to show how the order changes, its pattern and**

also explained what World Union is doing at this juncture. He also informed the present assembly about the National Convention and the international meet of World Constitution and Parliament Association at Colombo. There were two more devotional songs by Smt. R. Biswas and Km. Papria Chatterjee and a nice guitar programme by Shanti Sharma. Sri N. D. Chatterjee gave a vote of thanks at the end.

Baranagore The monthly meeting was held on first Sunday, 1st October, 1978 at 9:00 A. M. in 28/1 Manna Para Road, Calcutta 700050 as usual. Due to flood the ground floor of the area was under water and most of the members unable to attend the meeting. Four families of the area took shelter on the first floor of this office building with their belongings. Although they are not members of World Union, they attended the meeting. The programme included meditation and prayers.

World Union Cultural & Economic Council The monthly meeting of World Union Cultural and Economic Council for October was held at World Union Sodepur Centre on first Sunday, October 1, 1978 at 5:00 P. M. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Chairman of the Council, turned up at the meeting after crossing waist deep water for about a mile from his area and picked up the Service bus for Sodepur Centre. The main discussion was about the service to the flood affected people, to be rendered by the World Union Centres in their respective areas. Although flood is retreating, an epidemic is approaching.

The next three consecutive monthly meetings of the Council will be held on the respective first Sundays at 5:00 P. M. at Alambazar Centre, Baranagore Centre and Calcutta Centre respectively for November, December and January.

Sri Pabitra Mukherjee proposed to arrange education tours for the students in co-operation with the educational institutions and each tour to be completed within twenty four hours. Sri Samir Ghatak who is in charge of travel service has welcomed the proposal.

Bangalore The monthly meeting was held on 1.10.78. It was a fellowship meeting to meet the many new members who had been enrolled during the year. After fellowship, which followed tea and light refreshments, the new members introduced themselves as their names were being read by the Secretary Sri M. K. Rameswaram. After the introductory remarks and welcome by the President Sri Thandaveswara, Sri P. V. Rajagopal, the eminent Engineer-Industrialist and a Senior member and Ex. President of the Centre addressed the members on "The Idea and Significance of World Union". As many new members attended the meeting, it was considered a most appropriate subject.

The Speaker, while felicitating the new members for having joined the World Union, a world-wide organization of Brotherhood and Fraternity, requested them to kindly bear

in mind that their job did not end by just enrolling themselves as members and paying their subscriptions. That is only a beginning and they should begin to spread the message of love, compassion and unity, by starting the same in their very households and neighbourhood and then covering the community, the city, the state, etc. They could not afford to sit back after becoming members. The Mother and Sri Aurobindo were like Beacon lights illumining the vast horizons with their message of love and unity and compared them to wireless receiving stations which receive the Divine messages and broadcast them to all the humanity in a way which could not be understood by them and so it becomes the imperative duty of all the members to take upon themselves this task and spread the message of Fraternity and Unity in Diversity irrespective of caste, colour or creed.

Madras Sri M. P. Pandit, the Chairman of World Union International, gave an inspiring talk at Arulagam, 9 Bishop Wallers Avenue, Opp: Woodlands Hotel, Mylapore, Madras, at 6:30 P. M. on the 12th of October, 1978. Sri V. Ramamoorthy, I.A.S., presided. The meeting was well attended and the talk very well received.

New Centres

The following four Centres have been opened in Kerala under the guidance of Sri Peter Thomas during the later part of September and October:

Kottayam The Chairman is: Sri N. Krishna Iyer, M. A., B. L.,
Advocate
'Brindavan'
KOTTAYAM (Kerala)

The address of the Centre is that of the Secretary, being:

Sri T. J. Joseph B.Sc.,
Indian Oil Dealer
Thonippurakal Kaithayil
P. O. PARIYARAM
Dt. Kottayam (Kerala)

Cannanore **The Chairman is: Sri M. Karunakaran Nambiar, B. A., B. L.,
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CANNANORE 670001 (Kerala)**

The address of the Centre is that of the Secretary, being:

**Sri C. P. Abdul Aziz, B. A., B. L.,
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Calicut **The Chairman is: Sri P. P. Ummer Koya, M. A.,
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The address of the Centre is that of the Jt. Secretary, being:

**Sri Manjiri Sunder Raj, B. A., B. L.,
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The other Jt. Secretary is:

**Sri K. M. Abdulsamad, B.Sc.,
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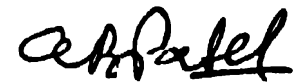
Trivandrum **The Chairman is: Sri K. R. Elankath, B. A., B. L.,
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The address of the Centre is that of the Secretary, being:

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**General Secretary
October 21, 1978**



WORLD ORDER—ITS URGENT NEED

" the Committee is of opinion that the future peace, security and ordered progress of the world demand a world federation of free nations, and on no other basis can the problems of the modern world be solved. Such a world federation would ensure the freedom of its constituent nations, the prevention of aggression and exploitation by one nation over another, the protection of national minorities, the advancement of all backward areas, and peoples, and the pooling of the world's resources for the common good of all. On the establishment of such a world federation, disarmament would be practicable in all countries; national armies, navies and air forces would no longer be necessary, and a world federal defence force would keep the world peace and prevent aggression. An independent India would gladly join such a world federation and cooperate on an equal basis with other countries in the solution of international problems."

**From: Famous Quit India Resolution drafted by
Mahatma Gandhi and adopted by All-
India Congress Committee of the Indian
National Congress on 8th August 1942.**

To Our Members and Friends

World Constituent Assembly at Colombo

Mr. Reinhart Ruge, a Co-President of World Constitution and Parliament Association, has sent his message for publication: "All humanity living on spaceship Earth wants to live a happy and joyful life purposeful in the light of the Almighty. Unfortunately human failures have created conditions through science, technology and other human inventions that endanger our life now more than ever before. The great master Aurobindo envisioned these shortcomings clearly, and he stated that only a World State, where all humanity will live together under common law and trust, will be a basis for the continuation of the human civilization.

"It is therefore that the World Constitution and Parliament Association has called for

the World Constituent Assembly at Colombo, Sri Lanka, this coming December/January. We invite all those who are concerned about the future of this Planet to join at Colombo, Sri Lanka, Ranmuttu Hotel, from December 29th to January 6th.

"Please read the Constitution for the Federation of Earth and prepare yourself to join the work."

Working Sections of the Constituent Assembly

A. Ratification Campaign

Working Section A shall be concerned with the campaign for ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, including ratification by (1) national parliaments and national governments, (2) communities, cities, states and provinces, (3) universities and colleges, and (4) final ratification by popular referendum. Decisions need to be made on where, when and how to develop each part of the ratification campaign: which national parliaments and governments to begin with? Which communities, cities or states? Which universities and colleges? Where and how to conduct the first popular referendum? A model ratification resolution for national parliaments is needed. Strategy needs to be devised for obtaining action by the first national parliaments and national governments. Procedure needs to be formulated for creating sponsoring committees for ratification by communities, universities, and by popular referendum. The preparation of a series of "World federalist papers" on important aspects of the Earth Constitution needs to be planned and initiated. Other questions need answers: e.g., conditional ratification pending amendments? What to do with proposals for amendments? How to begin disarmament when the first operative stage of world government is reached?

B. Shadow World Cabinet

Working Section B shall be concerned with creating a Shadow World Cabinet, for the purpose of formulating and presenting publicly a global legislative program on the most crucial world problems now confronting humanity. The ministerial posts for the Shadow World Cabinet need to be defined. Individuals need to be proposed or nominated for these posts, or an initiating committee for each post formed. A list of first global problems to take action on needs to be defined, with possible solutions or approaches to solutions outlined. The first public announcement of the Shadow World Cabinet needs to be prepared.

C. Provisional World Parliament

Working Section C shall be concerned with the organization and initiation of the Provisional World Parliament as defined in Article XIX of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. Decisions need to be reached on location for the Parliament, and exactly when the Parliament shall be convened, with reference to Article XIX, Sec. A-3. The requirements and credentials for delegates to compose the Parliament need further clarification. Methods need to be devised and made operational for financing the Parliament, so that it can function on a continuing basis. Legislative committees on each of several major world problems need to be defined and formed, which can work with the Shadow World Cabinet in preparing detailed legislative measures for submission to the Parliament when it convenes. Methods

for implementing decision of the Parliament need to be defined. All other preparations for the Provisional World Parliament as defined in Article XIX need to be taken care of. A public world wide call for the election of delegates to the Parliament needs to be prepared and issued.

Constitution for the Federation of Earth

Justice Syed Mohammed Hussain, Judge of the Supreme Court, Dacca, Bangladesh and a Vice-President of World Constitution and Parliament Association, had gone to Cambridge, U.K., about the middle of September 1978. He returned home about the second week of October after a successful Convocation at Cambridge. The Cambridge University Students Committee for World Government successfully organized meetings in six colleges of the Cambridge University, namely, King's College, Queen's College, Clare's College, Katherine College, Corpus Christi College and Pembroke college. The meetings were held between 18th and 23rd September, 1978. Since the Cambridge University Students Union did not officially associate with these meetings, the World Federalists Group of the Students Union formed a special Students Committee on World Government. The meetings were held as a Convocation on World Government under this special committee. In all the meetings there were good gatherings and the students listened to Justice Syed Mohammed Hussain's keynote address with rapt attention. All these meetings in the aforesaid colleges approved the Constitution for the Federation of Earth and resolved for its ratification. There was of course considerable opposition from the officials of the Students Union, particularly its President who was against ratification. All possible obstacles were made to foil the meeting but the World Federalists Group accomplished a challenging job in successfully organizing the meetings. The impact of these meetings have been such that in Oxford University similar meetings are likely to be held next year. Justice Syed Mohammed Hussain has already been invited for this purpose. This must give a great satisfaction to all concerned because the ratification campaign is successfully moving towards a wider movement.

We invite the students of the Indian Universities to take note of the part of Quit India Resolution at the top drafted by Mahatma Gandhi and to support the campaign for the ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. Let us exceed ourselves and become world citizens in the real sense.

World Union's Sixth Triennial World Conference

The Sixth Triennial Conference of World Union will be held at New Delhi on 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th November, 1979. The main theme of the Conference will be: "Realization of a World Union." The theme will be considered under four sub-heads: (i) Prospects of the United Nations being Converted into a Supra-national Organization having Full Powers of a World Government; (ii) Progress of Education for One World; (iii) Democratic Federal World Government and (iv) Constitution for the Federation of Earth to Attain World Order and World Law.

It has been decided to request the President of India to inaugurate the Conference and to request the Chief justice of India to deliver the valedictory address. Delegates from all parts of the world will be invited to participate.

Everyone interested in the project is invited to suggest names of delegates. Every

intending participant is invited to submit a paper either on the main theme or on one of the four sub-subjects.

For information about the Conference and the procedure for participation, please contact (i) Sri Gurudeep Manocha, Chairman, World Union International Delhi Centre, A-1/57 Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi 110016, or (ii) Sri A. B. Patel, General Secretary, World Union International, Pondicherry 605002.

Second National Convention of World Union Centres of India at Calcutta

Sri Samar Basu has sent the report of the proceedings of the Convention which met at Calcutta on 22nd, 23rd and 24th October, 1978 at Ashutosh Memorial Hall. The report was received in Pondicherry on the 16th November afternoon and it is not practical to include it in the December journal. Moreover it was considered that this important report ought to be published as an article in the journal along with four of the photographs of the Convention. Therefore, the report and four photographs will appear in the January 1979 issue of the Journal.

However, for the information of those who were unable to attend the Convention, we give a very brief report. Sri M. P. Pandit presided and the Guest-in-Chief was Dr. R. K. Das Gupta, Director, National Library, Calcutta, who inaugurated the Convention. Soon after the commencement of the proceedings, the President moved a resolution relating to unprecedented disaster in West Bengal owing to recent floods with an appeal to contribute liberally to the Relief Fund. The welcome address was delivered by Sri B. K. Swaika, the Chairman of the Reception Committee. Prof. N. S. Govinda Rao, President of the India Centre, referred to this happy occasion during the course of his speech. Sri A. B. Patel submitted a brief history of the two decades of World Union; Dr. T. Prasannasimha Rao, Secretary of the India Centre, gave information of the India Centre and its activities; Sri Samar Basu, the Convener of the Convention, referred to it and Sri T. K. Sinha, Secretary of West Bengal Regional Centre, referred to this unique opportunity. Dr. R. K. Das Gupta delivered an inspiring inaugural address on: "Sri Aurobindo's Concept of Human Unity", which appears as an editorial in this issue. Sri M. P. Pandit gave an inspiring keynote address. The main theme of the Convention was "World Unity and Role of India" which was discussed in three Seminars, under different sub-heads. The evening session on 22nd October was a Seminar on "Indian Philosophy and World Unity" under the Chairmanship of Sri Amiya Kumar Mazumdar. The participants were Dr. Debi Prasad Sen, and Dr. Nirod Baran Chakravarty. The rapporteur was Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya. On the 23rd October morning, there was a Seminar on "Indian Polity and World Unity" presided over by Dr. R. C. Ghosh. The participants were Dr. Sobhanlal Mukherjee and Prof. K. C. Pal. The rapporteur was Sri S. K. Rattan. At 3:00 P.M. on that day the Central Council of World Union India Centre met at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan and transacted its Agenda. Among other items the Council elected unanimously as Honorary Life Members of the India Centre (i) Mr. Philip Isely, the Secretary General of World Constitution and Parliament Association of USA and (ii) Sri A. B. Patel for their valuable services to the cause of world unity. In the evening there was a Seminar on "Indian Education—History and Culture and World Unity" under the Presidentship of Sri Gurudeep Manocha. The participants were Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, and Dr. Arun Sil. The rapporteur was Sri M. K. Rameswaram. The paper of Mr. E. W. Franklin was read as he could not attend. On the 24th October morning Sri M. P. Pandit summarised the conclusions and deliberations of the three Seminars. After this there was a session of the Convention

for the "U. N. Day" when Sri A. B. Patel presided and the Guest Speaker was Shri H. V. Kamath, M.P. The subject under discussion was: "The U. N., World Government and Sri Aurobindo". Sri J. N. Puri delivered a welcome and introductory address after which Shri Kamath delivered an instructive and informative speech. Sri M. K. Banerjee of World Association of World Federalists spoke on the occasion. The subject was then thrown open for discussion and several speakers from the audience participated. Sri A. B. Patel delivered his Presidential address and Sri T. K. Sinha proposed a vote of thanks. The Convention concluded with Rabindra Sangeet.

Shri H. V. Kamath's Private Bill

World Union International Centre, Pondicherry, wrote a letter dated July 5, 1978 to the Prime Minister of India supporting the Constitution (Amendment) Bill 1977 (Amendment of Article 51), which letter was published in the August Focus. An identical letter was also addressed to the Speaker of the Lok Sabha on July 5, 1978. About the middle of October 1978 was received a registered letter dated 6.10.78 from Sri K. K. Saxena, Chief Examiner of Bills and Resolutions of the Lok Sabha Secretariat, returning the letter addressed to the Prime Minister, to the General Secretary of World Union, Pondicherry, stating: "I am directed to inform you that when a Bill is circulated for opinion by the direction of the Lok Sabha as has been the case with this Bill, it is not the practice of this Secretariat to invite opinions on such a Bill directly. Copies of such Bills and relevant extracts of Lok Sabha Debates are sent to State Governments who are given full discretion to consult such public bodies, selected officers and any other persons as they deem fit. The State Governments are required to publish the Bill with Statement of Objects and Reasons in the Official Gazettes and in doing so to make it clear that persons or public bodies desiring to submit opinions on the Bill should do so only through the State Government and should not send them directly to the Lok Sabha Secretariat or to any Ministry to the Government of India.

"I am therefore to return herewith the opinion in original with the request that you may submit the opinion of your Association through the Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, Madras 600009, if you have not already done so." With the identical registered letter dated October 6, 1978 the original letter to the Speaker of the Lok Sabha has also been returned. We do not know why World Union, Pondicherry, is asked to submit its opinion to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, Madras 600009. Pondicherry is a State separate from and not yet merged with Tamil Nadu. Is this a mistake of ignorance or does it represent a decision of the Government of India to merge the Pondicherry State with Tamil Nadu? Whatever it be, we draw the attention of the Ministers of the Janata Government at the Centre, who are very fond of referring to the teaching of Mahatma Gandhi in season and out of season and who repeatedly ask people to follow the Father of the Nation, to bear in mind the "Quit India Resolution", a portion of which is published at the top of this Focus), instead of sticking to formalities. It will be wise for them to follow the opinion of Mahatma Gandhi and welcome whole-heartedly the Bill of Shri Kamath. The members of the Lok Sabha are well advised to remember the resolution when voting on the Bill. In view of the uncertain attitude of the Janata Government at the Centre regarding the Bill, a suggestion has been received by us to launch a signature campaign in support of the Bill. We publish the form obtaining signatures in three copies, two to be sent to the Chief Secretary of the State in which the signatures are collected, with a request to forward one of them to the Secretary of the Lok Sabha. As the time to express

opinion is upto 23.2.79, two copies of the signatures must be sent to the Chief Secretary by 1.2.79 to enable him to forward one copy to the Secretary of the Lok Sabha.

Form

SUPPORT TO THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL NO. 65 OF 1977—MOVED BY SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH, M.P. IN THE LOK SABHA

We, the undersigned citizens of India, having carefully read the Constitution (Amendment) Bill No. 65, 1977 moved in the Lok Sabha on 7th April 1978 by Shri H. V. Kamath, seeking the insertion of a new clause (e) to the article 51 of the Constitution of India, endorse fully the Statement of Objects and Reasons of the Bill: "The time is opportune, nay, ripe for all good men and good governments of the world to get together and make earnest efforts for convening a World Constituent Assembly as a preparatory step towards the establishment of a Parliament of Man and Federation of the World. War cannot be abolished, nor can a warm living peace descend on earth, unless such a World Law is firmly founded", and hereby lend our full support to the said Bill and urge the Government of India to accept the Bill and collaborate with other nations for the early formation of a World Constituent Assembly in order to draft the Constitution for a World Federal Government.

We also urge the members of Lok Sabha to consider the Bill from a wider and all pervasive perspective and do all that is needful to adopt the Bill.

Sl. No.	Full Name (in block letters)	Complete present Postal Address.	Signature with date.
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Why World Government is Necessary?

On December 6, 1971 the U.N. General Assembly adopted the resolution proclaiming United Nations Day, October 24, as an international holiday and recommending that it should be observed as a public holiday by all State Members of the United Nations.

It is easy to understand that the implementation of this resolution would lead to a world holiday—interdependence day. The possibilities of this world holiday as a powerful peace-educational opportunity are limitless. However, it seems that no State Member of the U. N. has cared to observe October 24 as a holiday. This is the respect or dis-respect the Member States of the U. N. give to the resolutions which they support in the U. N. General Assembly. Any number of such breaches of resolutions of the U. N. General Assembly could be pointed out.

It must be very clear even to a casual observer, that unless the U. N. has greater authority to enforce the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the establishment of a democratic federal world government is essential to enforce international new economic order; to introduce distributive justice; to abolish armies and armaments for which huge sums of money are spent, which ought to be spent to fight poverty, hunger and disease to free travel of people from one state to another; and to treat planet earth as one unit and to give opportunity to every human being to be a world citizen for all purposes, even while remaining a national of his nation.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Bombay This Centre had organized the following function as part of the celebration for 'The Mother's Centenary Year'. Talk by Shri M. P. Pandit at the Blavatsky Lodge on 7-9-78:

The talk was followed by a felicitations to Shri Pandit on his completing 60 years,— jointly organized by the World Union Bombay with Friends of Yoga Society, Sanctuary of Peace and Harmony, Sangeet and Sri Aurobindo Society—Bombay and Chembur Branch. A silver plaque was presented to Shri Pandit as token of love.

Talk by Shri Rohit Mehta on 'All Life is Yoga' on 10-10-78 at Sri Aurobindo Society, Bombay, Sahkar, B. Road, Churchgate, Bombay-400020. Smt. Srideviben Mehta rendered a devotional song after the talk. Shri Mehta's talk was in continuation of the previous series of talks given by him on March 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th at the Sydnehem College, Bombay on 'Mother and the Way of Yoga'.

Uttar Pradesh A meeting of the World Union, Lucknow Centre, was held on October 29, 1978. Shri N. S. Rao, Vice-Chairman, World Union International, was present on this occasion. In his speech Shri Rao spoke about the Mother and his own association with the World Union Movement. He was in a reminiscent mood and said that from the very beginning he has been working for human unity. It was an inspiring speech—much appreciated by all including the young people present. The meeting ended with meditation.

Uttarpara The 62nd monthly meeting of Uttarpara Centre was a happy meet after Puja—generally called "Vijaya Sammelan". Shri S. K. Gupta presided. Devotional songs were offered by Sri Sanat Bodok. Shri S. K. Gupta and Shri P. K. Banerjee spoke on "The Second National Convention"—how they took it, what were their views. For the information of the house, Shri Samar Basu stated a few facts relating to the Convention and spoke of a few personalities who were not known to them.

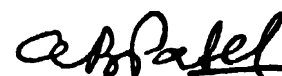
Thereafter the following resolution was passed unanimously. "Since the members had been watching with eagerness for some time past that the subjects dealt with in the Editorial Column were so interesting that they needed further discussion. It was therefore resolved that henceforth in the monthly meetings the editorial be discussed by the members and for further clarification, if necessary, questions be sent to the editor for elucidation.

Calcutta In the Annual General Meeting of the Centre held on 19th August, 1978 election of Committee of Management for the next three years consisting of 12 members took place. The name of the Chairman and name and address of the Secretary are mentioned here to enable anyone interested to communicate: Shri Arun Kishore Mukherjee (Chairman); Shri Lakshmi Narayan Datta, Secretary, World Union Calcutta Centre, 26E Turf Road, Calcutta 700025.

Konnagar In a recent meeting the change of Office-bearers took place. The name of the President and name and address of the Secretary are mentioned here for possible use: Shri Manishi Prasad Gupta (President); Shri Satya Prasad Chatterjee, Secretary, World Union Konnagar Centre, 80 Surya Sen Street, P. O. Konnagar 712235. Dt: Hooghly, (West Bengal).

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General Secretary
November 20, 1978



GROWTH OR DECAY

Every individual, institution, group, nation or collectivity must be vigilant to constantly evolve or grow and not to stand still or try to maintain status quo; the alternative is decay or slow dissolution.

World has reached a stage when no individual, institution, group or nation is an island. This has never been more true in world history than today; so what an individual thinks or an institution, group or nation does affects the whole humanity.

To Our Members and Friends

We must ask ourselves:

- (i) Is world government essential to save our planet from political chaos?**
- (ii) What kind of world government is needed?**
- (iii) How to stop the arms race and to commence disarmament?**
- (iv) What must be done to restore and protect the global Environment?**
- (v) What do we do for the observance of Universal Human Rights in every part of the world?**
- (vi) Are we ready to change the way of our life to behave as true planetary citizens, while retaining our national citizenship?**

These are questions that every responsible person needs to ponder. We may not be able to instantly change the world but we must begin to think in the right way about the world we live in.

World Government Indian Parliamentary Group

A meeting of MPs presided over by the Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Mr. Godey Muraharl, has decided to form a group in Parliament to support the movement for a World Government.

Mr. H. V. Kamath, who recently piloted a non-official Bill in the Lok Sabha on the subject was elected Convener.

The meeting decided to support in principle the draft Constitution for the Federation of Earth framed by the World Constitution and Parliament Association at Innsbruck in June 1977. The Third Session of World Constituent Assembly will meet in Sri Lanka towards the end of this month.

Forums for World Peace

In pursuance of the efforts of World Union to widen the climate of Peace, it has launched a new project, operative as from January 1, 1979—starting of *Forums for World Peace* in the universities and other centres of knowledge. The object of these Forums is to foster and encourage studies in the area of World Peace among students, preferably at the post-graduate level. Endowments are being secured to give stipends of Rs. 100.00 per month to each student who undertakes to research in the subject, especially basing himself on Sri Aurobindo's *Human Cycle* and *Ideal of Human Unity*.

To begin with, the first Forum will function from Pondicherry under the auspices of World Union. Our friend and well-wisher from Bombay, Sri Ushakant Seth, has offered a scholarship for the year 1979 under this scheme and we are thankful to him for his spontaneous gesture. A permanent endowment of the same quantum by Patel Engineering Co., Bombay, will be available as from April 1979. Those who are desirous of availing themselves of this facility may kindly apply at an early date to World Union, Pondicherry 605002.

World Union International Delhi Centre

Under the able leadership of Shri Gurudeep Manocha, Chairman of the Centre and the Editor-in-Chief of the magazine "Humanity Calls", the work connected with the holding of the Sixth Triennial World Conference of World Union in November 1979 is proceeding vigorously.

The first meeting of the World Union International Centre was held at A-1/57 Safdar-jang Enclave, on Sunday the 12th November, 1978. Twenty-one members and invitees were present and were first served with a light refreshment. The meeting started at 5:00 P.M. with a brief meditation. Shri S. K. Rattan gave a brief introduction of World Union and each one present in the meeting gave his or her brief introduction. The Agenda before the meeting was: (i) Venue for the Conference; (ii) Formation of various Committees: (a) Steering Committee; (b) Fund Raising Committee; (c) Cultural Programme Organizing and Entertainments Committee; (d) Publicity Committee (e) Library and Exhibition committee; (f) Souvenir Committee; (g) Programme Committee; (h) Hospitality Committee; and (i) 'Sight Seeing' Organizing Committee. (iii) Finalization of the details of the programme. (iv) Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Decisions of the meeting included: (i) To hold the Conference in Vigyan Bhavan and in case there was any difficulty due to the proposed renovation of the Conference Hall, arrangements will be made to hold the Convention in the Convention Hall of Ashoka Hotel. Shri J. N. Puri was requested to get in touch with both the organizations and to report. (ii) Formation of various Committees: Dr. R. K. Bhan proposed that due to lack of sufficient attendance in the meeting, the formation of the Committees may be taken up later but for

the time being only ad hoc Committees may just be formed with a right to co-opt. This was accepted unanimously.

Ad hoc Committees: (a) **Steering Committee:** The names of the Steering Committee Members was left to be decided in subsequent meetings and in consultation with some of the important persons in the field who could not attend the meeting today. The Chairman, Shri Manocha, informed that it was decided at a meeting at Calcutta to form soon a Reception Committee of persons contributing Rs. 500.00 for a membership, separate from the Steering Committee. Various Centres in India and abroad were requested to enlist as many Reception Committee Members as possible. Shri N. S. Rao of the Bombay Centre has already agreed to be a member of the Reception Committee. (b) Names were decided for Fund Raising Committee, Cultural Programme Organizing and Entertainment Committee, Publicity Committee, Library & Exhibition Committee, Souvenir Committee, Programme Committee, Hospitality Committee.

It was decided that the details of the Programme will be finalised by the Steering Committee.

All the new invitees were informed that the literature on World Union will be available in the near future and for the regular functioning of the Centre, a part of the basement of the premises A-1/57 Safdarjang Enclave, residence of the Chairman, will, for the time being, be made available for use within about fifteen days for office purpose, etc. Services of a part-time Steno of the Chairman will also be lent out till the appointment of a regular typist-cum-clerk. An almirah to stock and store the literature of World Union has also been agreed to be spared by him in the basement so that the work of the Union can proceed forthwith.

All present in the meeting signed letters in support to the Constitution Amendment Bill No. 65 of 1977 moved by Shri H. V. Kamath, M.P., in the Lok Sabha and handed over to the Chairman for transmission to the President of India, Vice-President of India, Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha. With the cooperation of the members it is expected to obtain signatures of about 10,000 persons by the 23rd February, 1979 by which day public opinion must reach the Parliament. Very active cooperation of all the members of Union was sought for this purpose.

With a vote of thanks to the Chairman as well as the invitees the meeting ended at 7:00 P.M.

Executive of the World Union International Delhi Centre

The meeting of the Executive of the Centre met on 19.11.78. The subjects discussed included: (i) Campaign for obtaining signatures in support of the Bill of Shri H. V. Kamath, M.P.; Decision was taken that at least 20,000 signatures should be obtained by 2nd December, 1978. (ii) The necessity to enrol more members was emphasised and each member present was asked to enrol at least 50 new members by mid December, 1978. (iii) The Chairman, Shri Gurudeep Manocha, informed the meeting that specimen of the letterhead had already been sent to press and the letterheads will be available within a week. (iv) Reference the letter written by World Union International Centre, Pondicherry, to the President of India requesting him to agree to inaugurate the World Conference to be held in

New Delhi from 9th-12th November, 1979, the Chairman informed the meeting that he, with a few Members of the Parliament, would call on the President of India as early as possible for requesting his consent for the inauguration of the World Conference. (v) It was decided to get the pamphlets on World Union printed as early as possible based on the manuscript sent by Shri A. B. Patel.

Award for Essay on World Union

It was proposed to invite essays from Professors, Educationists, thinkers, philosophers and other active workers in the field of peace and human unity in India and abroad on the theme of "World Union", form a panel of judges and to give award for the best essay. The amount of the award would be to the tune of Rs. 25,000.

Shri M. P. Pandit's letter

The letter dated 11.12.78 addressed by Shri M. P. Pandit to his readers:

I am just back after a three-weeks tour beginning with Bombay where I reached on November 19. The same evening we started a series of talks on SAVITRI. In all we had seven of them on alternate days. The portion covered was the first 12 pages of Canto 3, Book One dealing with the Yoga of the King. The interest taken by those who attended regularly—some seventy of them—was something stimulating and there was a strong feeling that something concrete had been established in the group. We hope to follow it up some time later.

Among the public engagements was a talk on the *Veda* at the venue of Arya Samaj in Santa Cruz and a lecture on Vasishtha Ganapati Muni under the auspices of the Bombay Ramana Kendra, this year being the Birth Centenary year of the Poet-Sage whose inspiration has played a considerable part in my inner life.

With the help of my colleague in the *World Union*, Dr. Kamoo Patel, a beginning was made in the launching of *Forums for World Peace*. These Forums are sought to be established in as many centres of learning as possible, with provision for stipends for students who opt to work in the area of World Peace. The first Forum will start in the beginning of 1979 and any student—preferably post-graduate—who undertakes to research in the subject, basing himself upon Sri Aurobindo's *Human Cycle* and *Ideal of Human Unity*, will receive Rs. 100.00 per month.

I left Bombay on December 1 and reached Belgaum the same evening where I was met by Sri Keshavmurti. He is reporting on our tour of Karnataka.

While at Bangalore we had a purposeful meeting at the Institute of Engineers under the auspices of the *Friends of Auroville* Unit ably led by Sri S. Sobnis, a staunch devotee with proved organizing potential. The meeting discussed how best to begin the work of *Sri Aurobindo Academy for Man* which had been mooted during my last visit to Bangalore. An action committee has been formed and immediate steps are being taken to commence the activities of the Academy. The proposed Academy is expected to provide research and study facilities in the Philosophy and Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother along with comparative studies in the area; suitable courses will be conducted by competent persons from time to time. Sessions of meditations to ensure mental peace and calm will be

arranged. Experts will be available to teach *asanas* and simpler *pranayama* exercises to those who are interested in them. The Women's Wing has programmes of teaching domestic science, child-care, civic hygiene and allied subjects. Besides these, plans are under way to form Forums of Service in fields of daily relevance eg. utility services, medicare, education—both formal and non-formal, banking, law, etc., etc. The central idea is to work out Sri Aurobindo's dictum that ALL LIFE IS YOGA and for each participant to develop his consciousness through dedicated service to God in Humanity side by side with his pursuit of the inner quest. We learn to work with others, not work for others; that is the way shown by the Mother and we hope to pour ourselves in that spirit. The immediate objective is to enable a number of centres of character, centres of integrity, to come into being as islands of light in the present sea of confusion and darkness around. Mother calls for cohesive groups of this type; may be this is one way of building them.

As the old year 1978 is passing out and the new (1979) is approaching, I cannot but ask myself what kind of year it is likely to be. The present year has been a testing one for almost everybody. The search-light of Truth has been trained on each one and helped each to know precisely where he is and what he is—without frills. To those who have been sincere and taken steps to evolve in the right direction, I anticipate the coming year will prove very fruitful. Great changes are preparing behind the external front, in every field, and we should be constantly adjusting ourselves to the demands of the Time-Spirit. There may be a number of false prophets proclaiming their own brands of "truths", a spectacle quite confusing to the common man. But that is also a sign of the approaching ADVENT. And that will be on a collective scale: an emergence of the new elements in different and perhaps distant places and a steady convergence of them leading to the birth of the new Man.

Bulletin entitled "Integral Life"

Shri K. R. Hegde, Secretary of World Union Sion Centre, Bombay, writes: "I am happy to inform you that we have started a small field bulletin entitled "Integral Life", first copy of which was released in the presence of some active members by Shri M. P. Pandit on 30.11.78. He said it is a good thing and wished the venture God-speed. He also advised that it should be made monthly in due course." The first issue of Integral Life published in October/November 1978 was dedicated to Shri M. P. Pandit, as the celebration of his 60th birthday, who is the chief guiding inspiration for the adventure of this Integral Life Movement towards that never ending perfection and progression aspired by all.

Second National Convention and Contributions to West Bengal Relief Fund

In pursuance of the resolution adopted by the Second National Convention at Calcutta on 22nd October, 1978 and efforts made by the World Union workers in Calcutta, a sum of Rs. 1001/- was handed over to Swami Ramananda of Bharat Sevashram Sangh as a contribution to the relief work in West Bengal. The bank account of the Second National Convention for this purpose will remain in operation for sometime to come. So if any amount towards relief fund comes from any individual or Centre, Shri Samar Basu, the Convener of

the Second National Convention, will do the needful for its proper disposal. It is learnt from Swamiji that contributions to Bharat Sevashram Sangh are exempt from Income-Tax under Section 80(G) of Income-tax Act 1961. M s. Navalram Agro Machineries Private Limited of Ahmedabad has, at the instance of Shri R. N. Amin, Chairman of World Union Ahmedabad Centre, sent a cheque of Rs. 5000/- to Bharat Sevashram Sangh as a contribution to the relief work in flood affected West Bengal.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Uttarpara: The 63rd monthly seminar was held as usual on the second Saturday—11th Nov. '78, at the library hall of Amarendra Vidyapith at 5. P. M. , when Shri N. K. Roy presided. Shri Samar Basu spoke on "The Second National Convention and the 'TASK' ahead." He elucidated the two cardinal aspects of the Seminars-viz-the Concept and Practice of World Unity. He explained why the subjects were selected for discussion and how the deliberation would help in drawing out a practical programme for implementation by the Centres. He emphasised the necessity for supporting the Bill introduced by Shri H. V. Kamath M. P., in the Lok Sabha, and made an appeal to the members and other interested persons to carry on this noble work very seriously and sincerely. Before his speech he explained in detail the purport of the Editorial of October issue of the journal as per resolution adopted in the last monthly meeting.

In his presidential address Shri N. K. Roy also elucidated "how 'Love' wins over everything—even the ferocious animal and Venomous serpents"—(viz. the story-portion of the Editorial). The meeting ended at about 7 P. M.

The 64th monthly meeting of the Centre was held on the 9th December, 1978 at the hall of Amarendra Vidyapith at 5 : 30 P.M. Shri S. K. Gupta presided. At the outset the Editorial of November 1978 issue was discussed. Sri Samar Basu opened the discussion by explaining the salient features of the editorial. He emphasised that the Editorial would help each member individually and each Centre collectively realise the responsibilities and duties and how to discharge them. Shri S. K. Gupta and Shri P. K. Banerjee participated in the discussion.

Thereafter Shri Basu spoke on "The Mother on India and Her Mission". He read out a few passages from the writings of the Mother and explained them in a very lucid way. Then he asked the members to carry on the signature campaign in support of the Bill of Shri H. V. Kamath. Shri P. K. Banerjee, and Madhusudan Banerjee voluntarily came forward and agreed to organise a group of workers for the purpose. The meeting ended at about 7:30 P.M.

Chakradharpur: 'The Maha Siddhi Day' of Sri Aurobindo was observed jointly with the members of Sri Aurobindo Society Centre. The speaker Dr Gaur Mohan Sinha Roy (Prof. of English, J. N. College, Chakradharpur) explained the significance of the Day and elaborately discussed Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy. Another member, Shri K. B. Ghose, spoke on "Siddhi Dives" quoting references from eminent Sadhaks of the Ashram. The programme included devotional songs, recitation of 'Radha's Prayer' and reading from 'Prayers and Meditation'.

Nanjangud The Centre celebrated Human Rights Day on the 10th December at the office of the Centre. Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan the President of the Centre presided. 250 U.N. and Human Rights photographs were displayed on the occasion. Sri C. K. Nagappa, a well-known Advocate of the town, gave a talk on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the significance of the Human Rights Day. He said that among the many achievements of the U.N., the said Declaration in 1948 was a special landmark, and among its main purposes "to achieve international cooperation. in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion". He considered racial discrimination to be a great threat to these goals and World Government a sovereign panacea for the ills of the world. He paid very encouraging tribute to World Union International as well as the Nanjangud Centre and its President for their contribution in achieving human unity and world peace which was one step ahead of the U.N. objectives being on a "spiritual foundation".

Lion Prof. K.S. Viswanathan spoke in support of the ideals and ideas expressed by Sri Nagappa and dealt further with the subject pointing out the racial discrimination which still prevailed in a number of parts of the world. He also pointed out that the world is spending 350 Billion Dollars every year on armaments which can easily solve the problems of humanity including hunger—adding that Human Rights have no meaning for a starving man. He called on all the people of the world to cooperate and work for the fulfilment of these higher ideals.

New Centres

International Delhi Centre This Centre was inaugurated on 12th Nov'78. Shri Gurudeep Manocha is the Chairman,—his address being: A-1/57 Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi 110016. Please see earlier part of this Focus in respect of this Centre.

Tirupattur This Centre was formed in the first week of December 1978. Shri T.K. Chandrasekaran is the Secretary,—his address being: 5 Sadasivapadayatchi Street, P.O. Tirupattur N.A. 635601 (Tamil Nadu). The Chairman is Shri T. Raman.

Calcutta North Suburban Centre This Centre was formed during the last week of November, 1978. Shri Satya Narayan Banerjee is the Secretary,—his address being: 53/5 Vidyayatan Sarani, Calcutta 700035.

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WORLD UNION

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ONWARD STRIDE

World is rapidly and radically changing. We are witnessing the birth of a new world, a new age, a new creation. Human institutions are undergoing revolutionary changes. What is felt impossible today becomes possible tomorrow. Pioneers for the promotion of a World Government must be ready to face difficulties, obstructions, opposition, ridicule with faith and courage. Time is on their side. Time-Spirit is working powerfully in support of their endeavours. Victory is certain, though it may be delayed.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

World Constituent Assembly at Colombo

The third session of the World Constituent Assembly, convened by the World Constitution and Parliament Association of Colorado, USA, and arranged by its Sri Lanka Branch, was held at Ranmuttu Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka, from the 29th December 1978 to the 6th January 1979. Delegates, volunteers and observers from several countries registered themselves on the 28th December and the 29th December morning. The Sri Lanka Branch of WCPA—President: Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe, Vice-Presidents: Sir Senerath Gunawardene and Dr. Nandadeva Wijesekera, Joint Secretaries: Bandula Sri Gunawardhana and Mr. D. H. Balachandra, Treasurer: Mr. Abdul W. M. Ameer, Members of Reception, Constitution Publication, Tours, Press and Publications (including Souvenir) Committees deserve congratulations for making all necessary arrangements for holding comfortably the Assembly. The Souvenir contained a message of welcome to delegates from Hon'ble Anandtissa de Alwis, Minister of State of Sri Lanka, pictures of many workers for WCPA, messages and brief information of WCPA add relevant subjects.

Reception and Press Conference on the 28th December, 1978

The Sri Lanka Branch of WCPA gave a reception at Ranmuttu Hotel on the 28th December in honour of the delegates attending the third session of the World Constituent Assembly. Among those who attended the reception were Sir Senerath Gunawardene, Dr. Nandadeva, Wijesekera, Mr. A. W. M. Ameer, Deputy Speaker of India's Lok Sabha Shri Godey Murahari, Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe, Mr. A. B. Patel of Pondicherry and Mr. Reinhart Ruge of Mexico both Co-Presidents of WCPA, and Mr. Philip Isely, Secretary General of WCPA. The reception was followed by press conference. Leading the discussion

at the WCPA press briefing at the Hotel Ranmuttu, Mr. Philip Isely said that they had come to Sri Lanka to work out a common plan with many other multinational friends to find positive solutions to world problems for which the United Nations had not found substantial solutions, to intensify campaign for the ratification of the Constitution by all countries and to launch a campaign on several fronts through the respective governments, universities and governmental and non-governmental organizations. Mr. A. B. Patel, General Secretary of World Union and Co-President of WCPA, referred to world problems and said that the time had come to solve these problems through a World Government. If this was not done the existence of this planet earth could be in danger. The world monetary and trade systems should be guided to evolve justifiable answers to the growing needs of the human race. Such a system was a necessity, he added. Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe said that this Assembly would be a positive step in the right direction to the crying needs of the starving millions. In pursuance of the ratification campaign of the constitution, the WCPA would hold its next session in Nigeria. Mr. Godey Murahari, the Deputy Speaker of India's Lok Sabha, Shri Puran Singh Azad, Editor, National Solidarity, Mr. Reinhart Ruge, Co-President of WCPA, Mexico, Mr. Emil O. Peter, Chairman Ratification Commission of West Germany, Mr. Ahmed E. F. Jaffer of Pakistan and others participated in the press conference.

Inauguration of the World Constituent Assembly

The ceremonial opening of the Assembly took place at 2:00 P.M. on December 29, 1978. Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe acted as the Master of Ceremony. Following the tradition of Sri Lanka the Assembly opened with blowing of the Conch Shell, beating of drums and the lighting of the oil lamps, followed by national anthem of Sri Lanka and prayers of all religions. Messages for the success of the Assembly were received from several prominent persons, including the Prime Minister of India, the Prime Minister of Canada, Foreign Minister of India, the President of Maldives, and the President of Costa Rica. Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe delivered a suitable speech for the occasion followed by a Co-President of WCPA Mr. Reinhart Ruge of Mexico. Thereafter, the Hon'ble M. A. Bakeer Marker, Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka, delivered a welcome speech. During the course of his speech Mr. Marker said: "The day is not far off when the ideal of the World Government will be achieved. This is the belief I had got after looking at the way in which this dedicated group of men are working for the realization of their ideal". He further said: "All of us whatever we are, are the children of Adam and Eve. If we accept the fact that we have a common parent there is no reason why we cannot get together as members of a common World Government".

Mr. Godey Murahari, Deputy Speaker of the Indian Lok Sabha, said: "The biggest barrier we face is to make the governments to commit themselves to the idea of World Government. When individually approached the political leaders and parliamentarians support the idea of World Government. They speak approvingly of the idea. But they are shy to commit themselves to it." He then referred to Shri H. V. Kamath's Bill introduced in the Indian Parliament and explained what had happened.

Mr. Justice Syed Mohammed Hussain of Bangladesh said that the convening of the World Constituent Assembly was a major step towards the establishment of a World

Government. It was an insult on the whole of humanity for super powers to disregard world opinion on problems like Disarmament. They negotiate among themselves disregarding the rest of the world.

Mr. A. B. Patel emphasised the need for endeavouring to have the Constitution for the Federation of Earth ratified by peoples and nations of the world for which it was essential to proceed with faith and courage. Mr. Philip Isely, said that the next programme was to get the Constitution ratified. The other speakers at the inauguration were: Mr. Bernard Shaw Mazi of Nigeria, Helen Tucker of Canada, Emil Peter of West Germany, Mr. Ahmad Jaffer of Pakistan, Dr. Max Habitch of Switzerland, the Hon'ble Gordon Bryant, M.P. of Australia and Mr. Eizo Itoo of Japan. The delegates, volunteers and observers were from many countries of the world, including from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia, Canada, Nigeria, Belgium, USA, Italy, Switzerland, Bangladesh, Japan, Holland, Kenya, England, West Germany, Mexico, Denmark, Yugoslavia, Thailand.

Working Sections

Four Working Sections were constituted: Ratification Campaign, Shadow World Cabinet, Provisional World Parliament and Strategy of Five Year Plan. The Ratification Campaign Section was split into three Sub-Sections: Universities and Colleges, Towns and Communities and Governments and Parliaments. Later on two more Sections were added: Finances and Publicity. The Working Sections worked on the 30th and 31st December in the morning and the afternoon. 1st January, 1979 was observed as a holiday and the delegates went around the places of interest in Colombo and Kandy.

Plenary Sessions

Plenary Sessions were held on January 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Shri H. V. Kamath, M. P., of India, Mr. Mihajlo Mihajlov of Yugoslavia, Mr. Abdul W. M. Ameer of Sri Lanka, Ted Jacquencey of Democratic International, USA, Mr. Bandula Sri Gunawardhana, Co-Secretary, WCPA Sri Lanka Branch, Prof. (Mrs.) E. Bestazzi of Italy, Sri N. S. Rao of Bombay, Dr. Keijser of Netherlands, Dr. Mercieca of USA, Dr. (Mrs.) Vilma Eichholz of Canada, Shri Varkey Santistan of Kerala Branch of WCPA, Shri Shankar Deo, M. P. of India, Mr. Sam Azar Ahmed of International Friendship Association of Sri Lanka, Mrs. Lilian Mowrer of USA, Mr. Eustace Gunawardene of Sri Lanka, Dr. (Mrs.) P. A. Amrunga of Thailand and Mrs. Glenn Perera were specially invited to speak on these days.

Mr. Reinhart Ruge was the Chairman of Plenary Sessions on 2nd, and 3rd morning upto 11. 00 A. M. after which Sri A. B. Patel was the Chairman of Plenary Sessions on 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th.

Reception

Reception was arranged by Mr. Abdul W. M. Ameer, owner of the Ranmuttu Hotel and the Treasurer of the WCPA, Sri Lanka Branch at 5. 00 P. M. on the 4th January. On the same day at 12. 00 noon some of the delegates were invited to a lunch given by the Speaker of the Sri Lanka Parliament.

Reports of the Working Sections

The reports of Working Sections and Sub-Sections of the Ratification Campaign Section were presented for approval by the Plenary Sessions from the 2nd to the 6th January and adopted by the Plenary Sessions with or without amendments.

The Chairman of the Sub-Section of Ratification Campaign for Towns and Communities was Mr. Emil Peter of West Germany, Mr. N. S. Rao of India acted as the Secretary and Mrs. Selvi Thiruchandran of Sri Lanka was the Rapporteur. Twenty three members from various countries participated in the deliberations of this Sub-Section. Twelve written statements by members were considered. It was agreed by the members of this Sub-Section that they would also become members of the Campaigning Committee for Ratification by towns and communities. The report was cyclostyled and placed in the hands of delegates. A Plenary Session adopted it unanimously.

The Chairman of the Ratification Campaign Sub-Sections of Universities and Colleges was Dr. (Mrs.) Basanthi Chaudhory of Calcutta Mr. R. K. Ratnasabapathy acted as Secretary. Ten members of various countries attended the Sub-Section. When the report was placed before Plenary Session, it was referred to a Sub-committee of the Plenary Session to make necessary alterations and changes in it in the light of the comments made by delegates. This was done and finally the amended report was adopted unanimously.

In the Sub-Section for Governments and Parliaments five members of the Indian Parliament, Mr. Philip Isely and others met and were able to harmonise two distinct lines of thinking and approach. Going through the subject carefully the Sub-Section prepared a report issuing an appeal to all National Parliaments on Earth from the Third Session of the World Constituent Assembly. They prepared for use by National Parliaments a model resolution for ratification or endorsement of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, a copy of which will accompany the appeal. The model resolution for National Parliaments was adopted unanimously by a Plenary Session.

A Statement prepared by Mr. Philip Isely on the basis of the report of Sub-Section for Governments and Parliaments was placed before one of the Plenary Sessions and was unanimously adopted. This Statement and the Reports of the various Sections and Sub-Sections will appear in March journal after the receipt of their full text as adopted by Plenary Sessions. We have asked for the correct texts from Dr. Amerasinghe and Mr. Philip Isely.

Shadow World Cabinet

The Chairman of the Working Section on Shadow World Cabinet was Mr. Justice Syed Mohammed Hussain of Bangladesh. Shri Puran Singh Azad of India acted as Secretary and Mr. Mamoon-al-Rasheed of Bangladesh was the Rapporteur. Twenty one members from different countries attended the Section's deliberations. The Section identified the following priority areas in order of importance. (1) Disarmament and Abolition of War. (2) Human Rights. (3) Food and Agriculture. (4) Population Planning. (5) Distribution of World Resources. (6) Environment; Ecology and Pollution.

The report was unanimously adopted by a Plenary Session.

Provisional World Parliament

The Chairman of the Provisional World Parliament Section was Carmel Kussman of New York and Mr. Bandula Sri Gunawardhana acted as Secretary. Nine persons from Australia, Canada, Japan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Switzerland and United States attended this section. The report was placed before one of the Plenary Sessions and several amendments to it were moved and adopted. The final amended report was unanimously adopted.

Report of the Section for Strategy for Five Year Plan

Mrs. Helen Tucker of Canada was the Chairman. Klaus Thakur Schlichtmann of Germany and Mr. Tharyan Abraham of India acted as Secretaries. Thirteen members from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, India, West Germany, Sri Lanka, U.S.A., attended the Section. It was the longest Report and was considered in two parts. The first part of the Report was adopted unanimously but the second part pertaining to the River of Destiny Project for World Unification, peace, and progress through cooperation, which advocated joining of rivers in India and later on in other countries, raised controversy. But the 2nd part also was adopted by an overwhelming majority of votes.

The Chairman of the Finances Section was Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe and the Chairman of the Publicity Section was Shri Puran Singh Azad. They did not submit their reports in writing and oral reference was made in this regard by Dr. Amerasinghe.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee of the Assembly met every day to finalise the programme for the next day.

Next Assemblies

The fourth session of the World Constituent Assembly will meet in Nigeria, West Africa in 1980. The fifth session will meet in Costa Rica in 1981. The Provisional World Parliament will meet in Malta in 1982. A resolution to this effect was moved by Mr. Philip Isely and adopted unanimously by one of the Plenary Sessions.

Standing Ovation

Dr. Max Habitch of Switzerland, an internationally known legal luminary who was a legal adviser to the League of Nations and is a legal adviser to several non-governmental organizations working for the promotion of World Government and to some governmental authorities, running in his 80th year, spoke at the inauguration of the Assembly without a mike and delivered an inspiring speech, was given a standing ovation by the Assembly. When a speaker to the Assembly mentioned the unique work done by Mr. Philip Isely for the promotion of World Government, the Assembly gave Mr. Isely a standing ovation in recognition of his great services to the cause of World Government.

Meeting of WCPA

The election of the Executive Cabinet of WCPA was held in the evening of the 5th January, 1979. Most of the office-bearers were re-elected with a few changes and addition

to the list of Vice-Presidents. Mr. Reinhart Ruge and A. B. Patel were re-elected Co-Presidents and Mr. Philip Isely was re-elected as Secretary General.

Final Programme

Final speeches, including vote of thanks to Sri Lanka and the workers in Sri Lanka for warm welcome to delegates to the Assembly and for all necessary arrangements, were made. The Assembly ended with a Dedication Ceremony when Mr. Philip Isely distributed Certificates of merit to some individuals and organizations for the fine work they did on behalf of WCPA. Before the close of the Assembly Dr. (Mrs) Vilma Eichholz of Canada, who had twice spoken of the need for a world language and advocated Esperanto as a world language, was permitted to read a resolution in favour of Esperanto as a world language without any debate or voting. At 2:00 P.M. Mr. Philip Isely met the Press. On the 7th January, 1979 the eight day tour of Sri Lanka began and many delegates participated in it.

World Union International Delhi Centre

The third meeting of the World Union International Delhi Centre was held at A-1/57 Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi, on the 17th December, 1978, Shri Gurudeep Manocha presiding. It was well attended. The Chairman spoke at some length on the need for intensifying signature campaign in support of Shri H. V. Kamath's Bill. The Chairman informed the meeting of the press conference arranged for the 23rd December, 1978 in which Shri H. V. Kamath and Shri Godey Murahari had agreed to address the press and to give fuller information of the Bill. As part of the function on the 23rd, Reception would be given to delegates going to Colombo to participate in the third session of the World Constituent Assembly. Mr. V. S. Mathur suggested the preparation of a press release to be used for the press conference, which was appreciated and he was requested to take up this assignment. The necessity to enrol more members of the World Union International was emphasised and all invitees and members were requested to take membership forms and to enrol as many members as they can. The formation of various committees for the Sixth Triennial World Union Convention was discussed but at the suggestion of Dr. R. K. Bhan it was deferred.

In the January 1979 Focus under the caption of "Award for Essay on World Union" information was given that it was proposed to invite essays from professors, educationists, thinkers, philosophers and other active workers in the field of peace and human unity in India and abroad on the theme of "World Union", form a panel of judges and give award for the best essay. The amount of the award would be to the tune of Rs. 25,000/-. In that publication, it was not made clear that the decision to invite these essays was taken by World Union International Delhi Centre. In the meeting on the 17th December, Dr. R. K. Bhan was requested to prepare a small write up or brochure giving details of the rules and regulations regarding eligibility of participants in the competition, size of the essay, etc.

In view of the non-availability of the Vigyan Bhavan for the Sixth Triennial Conference, the meeting thought of an alternative place for holding the Conference, but the decision was deferred for further consideration.

The Chairman requested every member present in the meeting to offer his or her

services for the Conference and to indicate in the order of their preference the committee on which they can serve better. The meeting was attended by two members of the Indian Parliament: Shri Shyam Lal Yadav and Shri Shankar Deo. Shri Shankar Deo appreciated the efforts of Shri Manocha in rejuvenating the World Union Movement in New Delhi and offered his whole-hearted support and services to this cause. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the invitees present.

Press Conference and Reception on 23.12.78 in New Delhi

At the outset two cassettes of Mother's music were played. Shri J. N. Puri welcomed the press and all the 120 persons who attended the function. Among those present were Shri Murahari, M. P., Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Shri H. V. Kamath M. P., Dr. Lokesh Chandra M. P., Shri Shankar Deo M. P., and a number of members of World Union and special invitees. The function was well attended and went well. The Press Conference started at 7:00 P. M., as the chief guests were held up in the last day session of the Lok Sabha. Shri Murahari, Shri H. V. Kamath and Shri Gurudeep Manocha were the chief speakers for the Press Conference. About 20 press correspondents, representatives of press Trust of India, other news agencies, local newspapers and representatives from foreign press attended the Press Conference. A press release prepared by Shri V. S. Mathur was distributed to the press. Attention of the press was also drawn to the article of Prof. K. C. Pal published in "Humanity Calls".

The Press Conference was opened by Shri Murahari who gave to the press detailed history of the World Constitution and Parliament Association and about the Constitution for the Federation of Earth adopted at Innsbruck in June 1977. He gave details of the main considerations which led to the adoption of the Constitution, now being ratified by large number of members of WCPA. He spelt out details of the Colombo Constituent Assembly and stated that delegates from several countries will attend the Assembly from the 29th December, 1978 to the 6th January, 1979.

Shri Gurudeep Manocha informed the Press that the Constitution in question had already been ratified by a Town Council in West Germany, a number of world organizations, and important persons. The press was informed that the copies of the Constitution had also been presented to a number of leaders in the world in various countries for consideration and adoption. It was also stated that a copy of the Constitution was presented to Shri Morarji Desai, the Prime Minister of India, by Shri A. B. Patel and also to several Cabinet Ministers and Indian leaders. The press was informed that Ratification Campaign is going on all over the world and that no sooner the Government of 25 countries will ratify it, a World Government will be formed and thereafter other Governments will be invited to join it. The press representatives raised a number of questions and thus made the discussion meaningful and lively. All the questions were answered by Shri Murahari to the entire satisfaction of the press. The main question related to surrendering of national sovereignty and the necessity in this regard was explained to the press to their satisfaction. It was asked if 25 smaller and weaker nations join and form the World Government as proposed and, speaking hypothetically, if a neighbour like Pakistan attacks India, then the World Government being not yet sufficiently active, effective and strong what would happen? It was

apprehended that may be the countries could be run over by the time World Government does anything. To this Shri G. Murahari answered that the Government formed even with 25 small nations together would be stronger and more effective than if they were to face single-handed. To the question of prospects of Indian Government ratifying the Constitution, it was stated that a nucleus of a Parliamentary Group for World Government has already been formed recently under Shri Murahari's Chairmanship with Shri Kamath as the Convener. It was stated that with the expansion of the parliamentary group and its activities in times to come it is hoped that the Government can be moved to respond to this important task.

Then Shri H. V. Kamath M. P., addressed the Press and gave history of the Bill, No. 65 he has introduced in the Lok Sabha. He also gave the history of the World Union Movement supporting the Bill whole-heartedly. He dealt with at some length all the objections that were raised by the Law Minister Shri Shanti Bhusan during the course of debates on the Bill in the Lok Sabha on two occasions. Shri Kamath drew the attention of the Press to the first volume of the opinions recently laid on the table of the Lok Sabha wherein opinion has been expressed by the various interests in 14 States and Union Territories, which opinion was by and large in favour of the Bill.

Thereafter Shri Gurudeep Manocha informed the Press of the signature campaign launched by World Union International Delhi Centre in support of the Bill. He apprised the press representatives that in response to his appeal in "Humanity Calls" he has already received 3000 signatures in support of the Bill. He mentioned that he was receiving large number of letters supporting the Bill. Shri Kamath joined Shri Manocha and gave details of Sri Aurobindo, the Mother and members at Pondicherry working for World Union.

Details of the Sixth Triennial World Conference of World Union to be held in New Delhi in November 1979 was given to the Press by Shri Manocha and requested them to lend their support to the work connected with the Conference. The response of the press representatives was quite encouraging.

In conclusion a toast for the success of World Union was served and thereafter 120 persons present were served a sumptuous dinner laid down by Mrs. Manocha. The function was a great success and all those who attended left the Humanity House thanking Shri Manocha expressing with fond hopes to associate themselves in future more actively.

As a result of the Press Conference PTI had circulated a press report which appeared in leading Indian Newspapers on 25th December, 1978. It was a very well covered report, the first paragraph of which read: "India is the first country in the world to make a positive move towards the attainment of humanity's distant dream of establishment of a World Government". The report appeared under the caption of "Kamath's Bill Aims at World Parliament".

Why World Government is Necessary?

Under the above caption was published in the December 1978 Focus reference on the resolution passed by the U. N. General Assembly on December 6, 1971 proclaiming United Nations Day, October 24, as an international holiday. It was stated: "However it seems that no State Member of the U. N. has cared to observe October 24 as a holiday". Miss Dorothy Schneider, Member of the World Council of World Union writes a letter dated December 19,

1978: However, for the sake of accuracy perhaps I have to comment on your sentence: "However it seems that no State Member of the U. N. has cared to observe October 24 as a holiday".

It was due to the untiring efforts of Miss Schneider that the resolution of the U. N. was adopted on December 6, 1971. She writes: "At this time I cannot list the nations that observe October 24 as a holiday, but it is probably safe to say that Zambia is one of them. Zambia which introduced the U. N. Day International Holiday Resolution to the U. N. General Assembly where it was adopted, chose U. N. Day as its own independent day some years ago. Also I was notified that five small nations declared U. N. Day as a national holiday, as of the time of July 1973. I do not know if these declarations were permanent ones; nor I have been able to learn if other nations have joined the list. I hope they have".

We wish to inform all concerned that it was our error when we stated that no nation observed the U. N. Day as a holiday and Miss Schneider had nothing to do with it. The matter in question was written by us.

Forums for World Peace

In January 1979 Focus we gave information under the caption of "Forums for World Peace" that endowments are being secured to give stipends of Rs. 100.00 per month to each student who undertakes to research in the subject. We are happy to inform our readers that Dr. Kamooben Patel of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Coordinator of World Union, announced on 14th January, 1979, her birthday; "Herewith I offer a small token for the movement of Forums for Peace. This year 1979 I offer to pay Rs. 100.00 every month for the study of Ideal of Human Unity and Peace". She has already paid to World Union Rs. 100.00 for January 1979. We thank her for it.

Yogi Shantiswaroop of Bombay

Under a serious error of judgement made by Shri A. B. Patel, the General Secretary of World Union, he wrote a letter dated November 14, 1978 to Yogi Shantiswaroop of Bombay appointing him a Roving Ambassador of World Union. On information received from well wishers of World Union and personal experience of Shri A. B. Patel at Madras on 28.12.78 and at Colombo on 29 and 30.12.78, there is no doubt that the said letter dated November 14, 1978 was written under wrong belief. Yogi Shantiswaroop was informed at Colombo that the said letter was withdrawn and he should return it. He has not done it. All concerned are hereby informed that Yogi Shantiswaroop has no right to act by virtue of the said letter dated November 14, 1978 and he has no connection whatsoever with World Union. He has been informed of this by World Union by letter dated January 13, 1979.

1979 Integrity Tour

In the course of their tour Mr. Chris Foster and Mr. Achal Bedi reached Pondicherry on the 14th January, 1979 and met in the evening some members of the Lions Club, Pondicherry and some members of World Union and others. They narrated their experiences and answered questions. They again met a few friends in the morning of the 15th January, 1979 at Ambalal House. Mr. Chris Foster gave an inspiring talk. It is a pleasure to meet friends from overseas who embody a higher consciousness, higher than an ordinary human consciousness.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centre

New Alipur On 20th December a special gathering was arranged by the Centre in collaboration with New Alipur Majlis at the residence of the Chairman, Sri N. C. Dev. Sri M. P. Pandit was invited to speak on "Present Crisis and Sri Aurobindo". After two minutes silence with Ashram music, the Chairman introduced Sri Pandit to the large audience in an eloquent style. Sri Pandit was overwhelmed by the gesture and said so with charm and humility. The talk centred mostly on the optimistic side of the present disorder all over the world. He explained elaborately Sri Aurobindo's concept of a new world out of apparent darkness. He stressed the importance of 'One Man Revolution' in the change of consciousness. He said that the conventional and the individual ages are over and now is the time for man to be Universal.

A slide show of Sri Aurobindo Ashram was arranged by Sri Aurobindo's Action, Calcutta Branch, after the talk.

On 21st December (Thursday) Sri M. P. Pandit graced the occasion of the weekly meeting of the Centre by his presence at the residence of the Secretary, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee. The Chairman, Sri N. C. Dev took the lead in asking Sri Pandit regarding the Modus Operandi of a World Union Centre. Sri Pandit stressed more on selfless service to the humanity rather than routine meditation and talk on Sri Aurobindo's philosophy. Collaboration with like-minded organizations working for a better society should be the aim rather than the propagation of the name of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. On request by Mr. N. Lakshmanan, Sri Pandit gave a message that 'One must change himself everyday for a higher life'.

All the members—mostly doctors, educationists and social workers were introduced to Sri M. P. Pandit.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

These are times of great transitions. Such times are usually periods of extravagance, irrationalism, and often of violence, but they are also attended by extraordinary inspiration and aspiration for a new creation leading to heights of great vision and action. During such periods of transitions the orthodox or unprogressive elements become fearful and rigid in their attitudes and conduct. Lacking imagination themselves, they are unable to distinguish the creative spirit from the unintelligent, the authentic philosophers and prophets from the charlatans. Even if criticised, opposed and persecuted, the men, who initiate and release forces for progress and change in human attitudes and motives, bypass the institutions which revere only the past, spreading their vision and ideals among the spirited young and those who are still young in spirit.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The 20th Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee

The 20th Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of World Union will be held at Pondicherry, on Monday the 23rd April, 1979 at 2.30 P.M. Every World Union Centre with more than ten members is invited to send one representative and a Centre with more than twenty five members to send two representatives to participate. The Coordinators of World Union are cordially invited to attend the meeting. Among the items of the Agenda, Shri Gurudeep Manocha, the Chairman of World Union International Delhi Centre, will speak on the Sixth Triennial World Union World Conference to be held at New Delhi in November 1979, and the Committee will consider all matters relevant to the Agenda of the Conference and all ways and means to make the Conference a success. Sri Samar Basu will give information to the meeting on the Second National Convention of World Union Centres in India held at Calcutta in October 1978 and Sri A. B. Patel on the Third Session of the World

Constituent Assembly which was recently held at Colombo, Sri Lanka. The four Coordinators of World Union will be invited to report on the present position of the World Union Movement in their respective area.

Celebration of the 20th of August'79 as a World Union Day

The Committee will decide a theme for the celebration of the World Union Day and give guidelines for the Centres for the purpose. Sri Samar Basu intends to suggest a theme relevant to the 1979 International Year of the Child and to put forward alternative suggestions for the purpose.

Regarding 1979 International Year of the Child we wish to acquaint our readers with certain projects about it undertaken in New Delhi :

(i) *Manava Bharati*, some of whose leading workers are interested in the World Union Movement, has undertaken to celebrate the International Year of the Child who is the Life, Light and Hope of Humanity.

The United Nations deserves sincere gratitude and congratulations of all concerned for having drawn the attention of mankind to the pressing need of the proper care and protection of the rights of the child by declaring the year 1979 as the International Year of the Child. With these ideals in view, Manava Bharati is sponsoring a scheme under which some one thousand Indian children, both boys and girls in the age group of 12 to 16 years, will have a unique opportunity to visit countries overseas for a month and stay with the families of friends, who have offered their warm and spontaneous hospitality for them. These Ambassadors of Peace will have a chance to participate in various fruitful activities of learning and education, beneficial to their multi-sided enrichment. The scheme also envisages an equal number of children from abroad coming here to stay and enjoy India's hospitality in pursuance of these ideals.

These endeavours will, naturally, open-up fresh horizons before these children, instil in them a feeling of international brotherhood and equip them in becoming worthy World Citizens of tomorrow.

Parents and guardians interested in the scheme may please write, at their earliest, to the Chairman, Manava Bharati Heritage, Panch Sheel Park, Cultural Exchange Programme, New Delhi 110017 for details including copies of Proforma etc., to be completed by enclosing I.P.O. of the value of Rs. 10.00 payable to the General Secretary of Children's Cultural Exchange Scheme, Manava Bharati Heritage India International School, Panch Sheel Park, New Delhi 110017.

Manava Bharati was established in the year 1941 with the blessings of the apostle of love and goodwill Mahatma Gandhi, and under the active patronage of the two late Presidents of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. Since its inception it has dedicatedly been serving the cause of human dignity, understanding, peace and harmony through education and propagation of human culture.

Dr. D. P. Pandey, the Founder Chairman of the Manava Bharati India International School and Heritage, considers the dignity and honour of the child as supreme, and under his inspiring leadership the Manava Bharati strives to foster and glorify these values. All those

who wish to cooperate in the project of 1979 International Year of the Child should contact the Manava Bharati Heritage at the address already given.

(ii) World Union International Delhi Centre

World Union International Delhi Centre held a special meeting on the 14th January 1979 at A-1/57 Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi, Shri Gurudeep Manocha presiding. Keeping in view the International Year of the Child and the objectives of the World Union International, Shri Manocha suggested that Children's Cultural Exchange Scheme sponsored by the Manava Bharati be discussed. All the members present accepted the proposal and discussions took place. Shri Manocha came forward with the proposal that the first batch of twenty children arranged by him from his relatives and acquaintances may be sent in the month of February 1979 as these children have holidays, because they are studying in the hills where the schools are closed for winter vacation. There was a detailed discussion on the various points such as expenses, dates of departure, arrangements at the other end, orientation and need for giving proper training on the culture and heritage of India, arrangements to be made for looking after the children, need for escort etc. It was suggested that all the children participating in the proposed Cultural Exchange should be called "World Citizens". It was decided that the following persons will attend to the various assignments indicated below :

(a) Sri Sunil Paul will look after all matters regarding travel, preparation of passports and the obtaining of complete information regarding expenses, climate etc.

(b) Shri J. N. Puri was asked to collect material for training on Indian Culture and other matters from Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Azad Bhavan.

(c) Ms. Karuna and Ms. Sehgal were asked to arrange for training and orientation programmes at Manava Bharati International India School.

It was decided that all the formalities connected with the sending of the first batch of children may be undertaken without any further delay and Dr. Pandey was requested to ensure that the hosts are ready to accept the first batch. It was felt that all the follow-up work for the first batch may be undertaken right earnestly so that all the matters connected with it could be settled soon.

Projects to Stimulate World Union Activities

Item No. 10 of the Agenda of the Executive Committee meeting on 23.4.79 has three projects to enhance World Union activities :

(i) Project for Activising Old Centres which are Gradually Becoming Dormant. Sri Samar Basu wishes to submit to the Executive Committee the following :

"There could be numerous reasons for which a centre becomes inactive. Among them the most predominant one is the disinterestedness of its members. So our business is to find out the cause why a few members do not feel interested in the movement. We are to meet them, to carry on open, free and unbiased discussion with them. This we may do at the time of the renewal of membership. We must not ignore their views ; we must realize their difficulties and try to understand them. In this way we may be able to hew out new ways to move forward with their full cooperation. Each situation has to be dealt with according to its

merit and character. Hence the suggestion of meeting the members of Local Centres by the Coordinators and the concerned Secretaries. Initially the Secretary will meet the Members and try to solve the problem of his Centre—but if he feels that the problem has to be discussed in general then he may hold a meeting in consultation with the Coordinator or Regional Secretary. The Coordinator or the Regional Secretary on their part should be well aware of the difficulties of the Secretaries of "Local Centres". They must keep constant contact with the Secretaries.

"To carry out this work in a disciplined and organised way I suggest that:

(a) The Coordinator of each Region or Regional Secretary (where Regional Centre has been set up) is to know through the Secretaries of the Local Centres— the reasons for which a few members do not renew their membership and find out ways and means to meet the difficulties in consultation with the Secretaries and concerned member(s) whenever necessary.

(b) For this drive the Assistant General Secretary of International Centre should prepare lists of members (who have not renewed membership) centrewise in FEBRUARY and AUGUST each year and send the same to the Regional Coordinators/Secretaries for their information and necessary action.

(c) To carry out the above work more effectively it is necessary that the Secretary of each 'Local Centre' shall maintain a Membership Register in two parts: (i) JANUARY Renewal and (ii) JULY Renewal.

Each part shall contain two Sections : (i) Journal Members & (ii) Focus Members. The Secretary shall endeavour to make all necessary arrangements so that all the Members of his/her Centre renew their membership on due dates. Besides, he/she will see that new members are enrolled.

(d) It is advisable that a Coordinator or a Regional Secretary shall relinquish his/her office (Chairmanship/Secretaryship) if he/she holds any such in the Local Centre – as soon as he/she is appointed as Coordinator or elected as Secretary of the Regional Centre."

(ii) Project for Opening New Centres : Sri Samar Basu proposes to put the following before the Committee :

"New Local Centres may be opened by Regional Coordinator/Secretary. One of the most important functions of the Coordinator/Secretary should be to open new Centre(s) when and where feasible. For this purpose my humble suggestions are :-

(a) That the Regional Coordinators/Secretaries shall determine their own Regional areas and chalk out programme for the ideal in different parts of their respective regions according to their convenience and with the help of active members of existing "Local Centres" and/or like-minded organizations. During this lecture tour they may carry with them WORLD UNION literatures for sale and/or free distribution.

(b) That the reports of this work of propagation have to be sent to the International Centre for publication in the 'FOCUS' for the information of all concerned.

(c) That during the courses of such lecture tours the Regional Coordinator/Secretary may, with the help of local energetic and inspired aspirants, open New Centres wherever feasible. Of course, this depends entirely upon their ability in inspiring people. For this

purpose the 'Regional Coordinators/Secretaries' are to prepare themselves to deal with all sorts of questions that may be raised by the listeners.

(d) If it is felt that 'Big Centres' covering vast areas have to be split up for carrying out the work more intensively, the Regional Coordinators/Secretaries may do so in consultation with the Secretary of the Big Centre and other interested persons."

(iii) Project for the Promotion of Cooperation with other Organizations and Associations Working for Human Unity and World Peace, and if possible, the formation of "All India Federation of Human Unity Associations". Sri Samar Basu wishes to submit :

"With the active involvement of WORLD UNION in the World Constituent Assembly in Innsbruck and Sri Lanka, its work, no doubt, has received unique momentum. It has, therefore, become necessary to think of new policy and programme - which, of course, must be consistent with *our aims and objectives*, for adoption, so that the enormous task can be carried out more effectively and efficiently on All India basis. We need cooperation of all like-minded organizations working in INDIA for the same consummation. It is, therefore, necessary and advisable that all the Organizations should maintain a very encouraging and cordial understanding among them and work together under a single banner on a single platform. I, therefore, suggest that an "All India Federation of Human Unity Associations" may be set up for this purpose where representatives from various All India Organizations may join to work together.

"I, therefore, propose that a list of such Organizations should be prepared and representatives of the said Organizations be invited to attend the Sixth Triennial World Conference in New Delhi, when the matter could be discussed during the course of business of the Conference. An Ad-hoc Committee with a Convener may be set up there. If this is approved, the Steering Committee of the Conference may be requested to do the needful so that some tangible result in this regard may come out of the Conference."

Forum for World Peace

The Forum is intended to promote the climate for world peace. Man is a mental being to begin with; and the climate for peace has to start with his mind. The Forum has this primary objective: to encourage the youth to think in terms of peace and unity. For that purpose, forums are being started in Centres of learning and culture. Each forum will function under the aegis of a Faculty. It may take the form of a study group which will study Sri Aurobindo's Ideal of Human Unity and The Human Cycle, followed by a study of other relevant works by other authors. The group will also, in course of time, launch appropriate projects in its campus for fostering unity and brotherhood. The group will be led by a scholar to be designated by the Head of the Faculty. The World Union will offer a stipend of Rs. 100.00 per month to this Forum, for expense viz. purchase of books and periodicals, incidentals at meetings etc.

Where a group is not immediately possible, the stipend will be given to the scholar individually till he is in a position to form a circle or group.

It is expected that the stipend will be operative for a year in each case. The position will be reviewed at the end of each year. It is expected that these forums will be contributing

papers and reports of discussions periodically to the World Union head office in Pondicherry. Selections from these will be published in the World Union Journal.

Sixth Triennial World Union Conference

In the meeting held on the 14th January '79, already mentioned above, the second item of the Agenda concerned the Conference in November 1979. Shri Gurudeep Manocha gave details of the Cultural Programme finalised by him in consultation with Mrs. Naina Devi of All India Radio. It was felt that apart from the top level cultural programme proposed to be arranged on the occasion, All India folk dances and other short programmes might be arranged as the same will be very much liked by the guests from overseas. Dr. Pandey emphasised the need for folk lore and other programmes of typical Indian culture. It was decided that Dr. Prem Kripal and Sri Bowri may work out the programme in this regard. Shri Bowri undertook the responsibility and was requested to coopt any other members of World Union for this purpose.

While discussing the details of the boarding and lodging facilities for the delegates from overseas, Dr. D. P. Pandey suggested that the possibility of having Indian hosts in New Delhi might be explored, as the objectives of World Union could be achieved more rapidly by such gestures and hospitality. This is one of the ways whereby we can come closer with the peoples of the world.

Shri Manocha apprised the members that Shri M. P. Pandit, Chairman of the World Union International, will be in New Delhi on the 21st January and that there will be a meeting in Shri Pandit's honour at 4:30 P.M. on that day. All the members and their friends were cordially invited to attend the meeting and listen to Shri Pandit. It was further decided that allocation of responsibilities among various committees and members will be discussed with Shri Pandit so that all the matters connected with the World Conference could be settled in the presence of Shri Pandit. It was emphasised that all the members present should do their utmost for participation as delegates or observers in the World Conference to be held in November 1979. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the host of the evening.

World Constituent Assembly at Colombo

We regret that we are unable to include in the March Journal the reports of various Commissions and Sub-commissions of the Colombo World Constituent Assembly and resolutions adopted by Plenary Sessions, because we received yet a few of them after we had given to press the manuscript for the March Journal. However, we have included one Statement in the March Journal and propose to publish all reports and resolutions adopted by the Assembly in our April Journal.

World Union Nanjangud Centre held a public meeting on the 18th January, 1979 when Sri B. V. Balasubramanyam, Vice-President of the Centre and one of the delegates to the Constituent Assembly at Colombo, gave an informative and illuminative talk on the proceedings of the Assembly. Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan presided. At the outset Sri Balasubramanyam observed that a World Federation is not an Utopian idea. It is a perfectly feasible

proposition. It must and will come about. Who would have thought some time ago that man would land on the moon? Similarly, a World Federation will emerge by or before the end of this century. He remarked that great progress has been made in the direction of a world Government, thanks to the exemplary devotion of World Constitution and Parliament Association and World Union. These two international organizations are doing silent but solid, sustained and systematic work. The speaker paid glowing tributes to Mr. A. B. Patel, Co-President of WCPA, Mr. Philip Isely, Secretary General of WCPA, and Shri H. V. Kamath, M. P., for their yeoman services in this regard. The Chairman of the meeting agreed with the speaker that a World Government is by no means a Utopian idea. Great thinkers like H. G. Wells, Bertrand Russell, Mahatma Gandhi, Tagore, Dr. Radhakrishnan, Pandit Nehru and above all Sri Aurobindo pleaded very strongly and vigorously for it. Prof. Viswanathan stressed the urgent need for a World Federation in view of the horrors of modern warfare. He declared that the acceptance of the World Constitution for the Federation of Earth prepared by WCPA with the help of outstanding intellectuals of the world would mark a momentous milestone in the history of mankind. He expressed his ardent wish that India should be the first country to give the Green Signal for a World Federation and thus give a lead to other nations. He was sure that Tennyson's prophecy about the Parliament of Man and Federation of the World will come true. Dr. R. N. Keshavamurthy, Secretary of the Centre, proposed a vote of thanks.

"Integral Life" Issue of December'78 and January'79

The World Union Sion Centre has sent us the second issue of their bulletin "Integral Life" which is dedicated to Shri Dada J. P. Vaswani on his 60th birthday anniversary, who by his dedicated love and service to the people around him is a living embodiment of human unity and love amidst the strife-stricken world, inspiring children, young and old alike.

Shri S. Krishnamurthy

We are happy to inform the members of World Union and World Union Centres that, Shri S. Krishnamurthy, Hon. International Lecturer on Spiritual Subjects, 29 (Upstairs) 4th Cross, Gokulam Park, V. V. Puram, Mysore 570002, Karnataka, who was actively associated with World Union work for about six years when he had done creative and constructive work for spreading the message of World Union in India and abroad, has now been associated with the World Union work. To fulfil his personal programme he had ceased to work for World Union until recently. Now he feels that the message of "Human Brotherhood" is very urgent and important in the conditions through which the human race is passing at present, and one, who wishes to serve humanity and the Divine in humanity, ought to work to his utmost for the realization of "Human Brotherhood". Consequently, he has decided to resume World Union work during his spare time, and to arrange, wherever necessary, Seminars, Workshops and talks on the ideals and aim of World Union. From 22nd February to 26th March 1979 he will visit World Union Centres in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka and later visit places in these territories to stimulate the starting of New Centres. He will from time to time make his tour programmes to visit World Union Centres and also places where New Centres of World Union can be commenced.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Uttarpara The 65th monthly meeting of this Centre was held on the 27th January, 1979 at Amarendra Vidyapith at 5:00 P. M. when Sri S. K. Gupta presided. After devotional song and group concentration, Sri Samar Basu spoke on the working of the 3rd Session of the WCPA in Colombo. He emphasized that people of other countries—specially of the West were gradually becoming convinced that India was to lead the movement and the delegates from India including a few Parliamentarians had also realised this trend. As requested by the Chair, Sri Samar Basu then opened the discussion on Dr. R. K. Dasgupta's inaugural address—published in December 1978 issue of World Union as editorial—"Sri Aurobindo's Concept of Human Unity". He pointed out a few salient features of the article and highlighted its important aspects.

Sri Basu stated that in the first phase of his address Dr. Dasgupta pointed out how the conception did grow in the thinking mind of Sri Aurobindo. Then he explained why Sri Aurobindo's "Ideal of Humanity" could not be compared to European conception of Internationalism because it was not a political ideal, it was essentially a faith in human fellowship as the fulfilment of man's deepest spiritual urges. According to Dr. Dasgupta—Sri Aurobindo's concept was Neo-Vedantic interpretation of human destiny. Dr. Dasgupta then commented by quoting excerpts from the writings of a few erudite western authors that their estimation of Sri Aurobindo as a socialist and spiritualist could not be justified. In concluding his address Dr. Dasgupta warned that the task of establishing human unity – as conceived by Sri Aurobindo was not an easy one yet there was no other way left for mankind and therefore, we were to strive for it. Sri S. K. Gupta and Sri B. K. Banerjee also took part in the discussion.

The 66th monthly meeting of this Centre was held on the 10th February, 1979 at Amarendra Vidyapith at 5:30 P.M., when Sri Manindra Nath Halder presided. After devotional song offered by Km. Nabanita and Banani the Secretary of the Centre informed the members all about the holding of 20th Annual Meeting of the International Centre to be held at Pondicherry and the 6th Triennial World Conference in New Delhi. He also elucidated the projects including the subject for "World Union Day" proposed to be discussed in the Executive Committee meeting.

Then Sri P. K. Banerjee spoke on "The Triple Gospels of Sri Ramakrishna" –the subject selected for the Seminar. Among the number of interesting aspects, he specially mentioned the three gospels, being, (a) So many ways are there as there are ideas; (b) Be free from all sorts of conventional beliefs and prejudices; and (c) All process of Sadhana, Japa, etc., leads to the same goal. Dr. Sadananda Bhattacharya elucidated in a very interesting way how and why Sri Ramakrishna did give forth the gospels which helped the people to prepare for the future socio-economic and political life of mankind.

Thereafter Sri Samar Basu opened the discussion on "The New Element" editorial (part) of January 1979. He explained what was meant by "The New Element". He read out from "Prayers and Meditations" what the Mother wrote on 25th September, 1914 and then compared it to what she realised on 29.2.56 (i.e. after 42 years). As a result of working of this

"New Element" — Sri Basu emphasized, "A New World has been gradually emerging out of the old one. The calamities and various kinds of disasters prevailing on the surface are the result of the process of its working. It will not be there when everything will be cleaned". Km. Shampa Bhattacharya also participated in the discussion. The meeting ended at about 7.30 A.M.

Tirupattur A formal making of the World Union was held on 22.11.78 at T.M.S School, Tirupattur North Arcot. The following were elected to be the office bearers:

Chairman — Mr. T. Raman ; Vice-Chairmen — Messers M. Karthikeyan & T. R. Ganesan; Secretary — Mr. T. K. Chandrasekaran; Treasurer — Mr. K. Gopal; Public Relations Officer — Mr. S. Balachandar; Address of Communication: Mr. T. K. Chandrasekar, Secretary, World Union (TPT) Centre, 5 Sadasivapadayatchi Street, Tirupattur (N.A.).

6.12.78 The members of the World Union had the pleasure of hosting an Italian couple, Mr. Schivardi Pietro and Gracea. They spoke to the members about Italian conditions, culture and on their travel experiences. The Chairman offered them a typical South Indian dinner, which they enjoyed.

9.12.78 The World Union members set off to the eye Camp at a village called Madavalam. They met 86 patients. They offered biscuits and milk to the patients and spent a long time with them listening to their worries and problems. It was a remarkable experience for the members.

10.12.78 The members set off to Anna Nagar a slum area in Tirupattur. They distributed clothes to 86 poor people—men, women and children.

20.12.78 The monthly meeting of World Union was convened and plans for future activity, like celebrating International Year of the Child etc., were discussed.

2.1.79 The nine children born on the first day of the International Year of the Child in Government Hospital Tirupattur, were given gifts by the World Union members.

Calcutta North Suburban A meeting was held on the 28th Jan'79 when Sri Nirod Chandra Roy presided and discussed about the Sadhana of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Sri Chuni Lal Goswami of Baranagore Centre was the guest speaker who briefly narrated the history of World Union Movement and also the various aspects of World Government tracing the ancient history of civilization and present imperative need for ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT. Some prominent persons as well as teachers and students who attended the meeting were favourably impressed by the talk delivered by the President. The New Committee of the Centre elected in the meeting, is: Sri Nirod Chandra Roy —Chairman; Sri Dharendra Ch. Sarkar, Dr. N. R. Karmakar and Smt. Sandhya Ghosh—Vice-Chairmen; Sri Satya Narayan Banerjee—Secretary and Sri Sital Roy—Asst. Secretary.

New Centres

Gandhinagar This Centre was inaugurated during the second week of February 1979. Sri Ashwin Gunsukhray Hathi is the President; Sri Vijaykumar Ochhavilal Shah is Secretary whose address is: Sector No, 30/92/1, GANDHINAGAR 382030 (Gujarat State)

which is also the address of the Centre. Dr. Pravin Balvantray Boghani is Jt. Secretary.

Amta The decision to open this Centre was taken on 24-11-78, but it was communicated to the headquarters at Pondicherry at the end of January 1979. Rebati Raman Banerjee is the Chairman, Abani Bhusan Mayra the Secretary and Baidya Nath Ghosh the Treasurer. The address is: Sibtolla Mess Building, 2nd Floor, P. O. AMTA, Dt Hooghly, W. Bengal.



General Secretary
February 20, 1979



EVOLUTION FOR A WORLD ORDER

"Great Spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds".

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"... the establishment of a supranational government constitutes the deepest hope for mankind. I am convinced that only when men everywhere will meet . . . pledged to a common law, will mankind be able to conquer its despair . . . with all my heart I believe that the world's present system of sovereign nations can lead only to barbarism, war, and inhumanity, and only through world law can we assure progress toward civilization, peace and humanity".

Albert Einstein

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Shri H. V. Kamath's Private Bill in the Lok Sabha

The readers will remember that Shri H. V. Kamath M. P., moved last year in the Lok Sabha a Private Bill to amend the Article 51 of the Indian Constitution proposing an addition to it of clause (e) to enable the Government of India to convene a World Constituent Assembly to draft a Constitution for a Federal World Government. Shri Kamath moved on 23.2.79 a motion in the Lok Sabha: "That this House do extend upto the 1st March, 1980 the time appointed for eliciting public opinion on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of India". During the course of a convincing speech in support of the motion Shri Kamath referred to the support to the Bill expressed so far and to the World Constituent Assembly held at Colombo, Sri Lanka, from the 29th December, 1978 to 6th January, 1979 and to the messages to that Assembly sent by the Prime Minister and the Minister of External Affairs of India. He quoted the words from the External Affairs Minister's message: "Let us hope that the efforts of people hailing from different parts of the world united in their determination to achieve the cherished objective of one world will, before long, triumph in testimony to the victory of human spirit over frailty". He mentioned that war clouds had gathered in some parts of the world which has made the issue of World Government and World Constituent Assembly more imperative and more compelling for mankind to save the world from another holocaust. He read in the Lok Sabha a resolution (published in the current journal) adopted by

the Assembly at Colombo requesting various national parliaments to follow one of the two complimentary initiatives towards a constitution for World Government as indicated in the resolution. He believed that there will be similar Bills introduced in Sri Lanka parliament, in the parliament of Australia and some other national parliaments of the world. He referred to World Union which has taken active steps in support of the Bill in a big way. Shri Morarji Desai, the Prime Minister of India, made observations against the motion and doubted if the World Government can come in this century. In his brief observations he disclosed a mind which was rigid, closed and unyielding to new ideas; new ideals, new attitudes, new motives, new truths which are dawning every day in the minds of men and which are generating powerful forces leading humanity, however slowly, towards its unification.

The Lok Sabha adopted the motion extending the time upto the 1st March, 1980. This provides a very long time to all interested individuals, organizations and World Union Centres to convey their full support to the Bill to the Lok Sabha Secretariat, through the Chief Secretary of one's State and to carry on signature campaign in support of the Bill which signatures must be sent to the Lok Sabha Secretariat through the Chief Secretary of one's State. The signatures in support of the Bill should be obtained on three copies with the name and address of the person putting his or her signature and should be forwarded as indicated by us.

We wish to draw attention of all concerned that Shri Kamath, in the course of his speech in the Lok Sabha, had said that during the current year Bills identical with or similar to his would be introduced in as many national parliaments of the world as possible and he hopes that in accordance with the Colombo resolution, steps would be taken to stimulate the introduction of such Bills in several national parliaments, failing which Shri Kamath's Bill may not receive the adequate support in the Indian Parliament. The members of the Indian Parliament, while voting on Shri Kamath's Bill, ought to remind themselves what Sri Aurobindo, Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, and other great men of India have affirmed in support of the ideal of One World. Members voting against the Bill will, in our humble opinion, betray the Indian spiritual heritage and ignore the wise opinions of India's great men.

World Union International Delhi Centre

The Centre has now decided that the Sixth Triennial World Union World Conference will be held at New Delhi from the 23rd to 26th November, 1979 instead of the 9th to 12th November as formerly announced. The change in dates became necessary because the Lok Sabha is likely to meet on or about the 19th November and it was considered that the changed dates will enable the members of the Parliament interested in the World Government Movement to participate in the Conference which has on its agenda items of World Government and the Constitution for the Federation of Earth.

The Centre has formed a Study Circle to study subjects directly or indirectly relevant to human unity and world peace. The second meeting of the Study Circle was held on the 18th February, 1979 at Humanity House when eleven members were present, Shri U. N. Puri presiding. The meeting commenced with a brief meditation and the following decisions were

1. Meeting will be held fortnightly on Sundays from 6 : 00 to 7 : 30 P. M. at Humanity House.

2. The following subjects were proposed to be discussed in the future meetings : (a) Prospects of the United Nations being converted into supra-national organization having full powers of World Government. (b) Progress of Education for One World. (c) Democratic Federal World Government. (d) Constitution for the Federation of Earth to attain World Order under World Law.

In addition the following subjects were suggested for future meetings : (a) Spiritual Education from the Childhood (proposed by Shri Prasad). (b) Oneness of Religion (proposed by Shri Shastri). (c) Is Oneness a Religion? (proposed by Shri Gum-Naamji).

“ Prospects of Conversion of the U. N. into a World Government ” was chosen as the subject for the meeting on March 4, 1979. The Chairman informed the meeting that books and journals were available in the Study Circle library. Shri J. N. Puri was requested to look after the library books and periodicals. The members were requested to donate to the library books on the theme of Human Unity available with them.

Urgent Need for Wise National Leaders

One learns from a report of the World Health Organization that over a ten year period it took only \$ 83 million for the WHO to coordinate a programme to eradicate smallpox from the world community. This sum could not even buy one modern strategic bomber. The WHO now believes it can eradicate malaria in the world through a programme which could cost \$ 450 million. Raising such a sum for such a necessary project is rather difficult, even though it amounts to less than one-half of what the national states of the world spend on the military everyday.

It was a tragedy that the leaders of the national states made eloquent speeches when a Special Session of the U. N. was held last year on the problem of DISARMAMENT. In spite of those eloquent speeches the cost of armies and armaments is increasing. It appears clear that the leaders of national states, including those of the third world nations, increase their military budget inspite of disarmament meetings. It is stupid and lack of sense for the human welfare that the national states and their leaders can not provide \$450 million to WHO to eradicate malaria when they are spending more than 400 billion dollars a year for armies, armaments, and research for more deadly weapons. After 100 years the future generations of humanity will consider such an attitude of mind not only stupid but a proof of what Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the former President of India, had once stated that man was still a semi-barbarian while states were in barbarian stage. Without doubt the world lacks wise national leaders.

International Year of the Child 1979

True service to the children, the future citizens of the world, could be properly rendered only if the national states disappear, and nations join into a World Union in which unity in diversity will be recognized as a great principle and in which freedom will be accepted as a great basis. In world union there will be no room for armies and armaments and human relations will be governed by love, cooperation, sharing, and readiness to give time, resources and money not only for helping the children to grow correctly but to establish right human

relations in all walks of life. When one notices everyday that the political leaders of the national states of the world affirm great principles but fail to observe them in individual and collective life, it becomes necessary to do something drastic for changing the present world order.

Dr. P. N. Bindu, the General Secretary of World Union Hyderabad Centre, who works actively even at the age of 86 to promote the ideals and aims of Word Union, has proposed that the United Nations should name an International Year for "Human Brotherhood" as it has named in the past International Cooperation Year, International Women's Year, International Year of the Child etc. It is doubtful if the declaration by the U. N. of a Year for "Human Brotherhood" will change the attitude of selfishness, grabbing, exploitation, competition etc., from the collective life of humanity. But following the English proverb: not to attempt is a crime, failure is never a crime, the U. N. will be well advised to declare an International Year for Human Brotherhood.

Ideal Child

During the International Year of the Child 1979 it is good to inform all concerned that "Ideal Child", a small booklet containing words of the Mother was first published in 1953 with these words from the Mother: "Let this book reach every child." During this year it would be a great achievement, if this booklet "Ideal Child" could reach every child throughout the world. Over 300,000 copies have already reached the students in Kutch district of Gujarat, Bombay and elsewhere. Translations in Gujarati, Hindi, Urdu, English, French, Tamil, Marathi, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, Bengali, and Oriya are already published. Translations in other languages are getting ready. To distribute copies of Ideal Child in India and abroad will need a very large sum. Those who would like to participate in this work may kindly send their contributions by cheque or Demand Draft payable to Sri Aurobindo Ashram. All correspondence on this subject and all remittances should be sent to Shri Keshavji, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry 605002, stating in the coupon: "For Ideal Child".

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Mr. Bandula Sri Gunawardhana, who was the Co-Chairman of the Commission on Provisional World Parliament of the World Constitution and Parliament Association, is an executive Member of World Citizens Assembly, National Secretary of International Association of Educators of World Peace, and Founder-President of World Government Movement, has edited and published "World Government—A Reality Soon!" in which he has included a collection of articles by many wellknown world government pioneers with appropriate pictures in order to mark the 3rd session of the Historic World Constituent Assembly which met at Colombo from the 29th December, 1978 to the 6th January, 1979. We congratulate Mr. Bandula Sri Gunawardhana for the great effort he has made in securing so many appropriate articles and pictures for the publication of this issue of the World Government journal. We are sure that it must have cost a great deal of money to publish this special issue of the journal. Those interested in securing a copy may write to Mr. Bandula Sri Gunawardhana, 270 Park Road, Colombo 5, Sri Lanka.

Annual Report of World Union for 1978

Information of all important events regarding World Union activities, World Constituent

Assembly at Colombo, Second National Convention held at Calcutta and Seminars and meetings held by various World Union Centres have been reported in the issues of the World Union Focus published in the year 1978 and perhaps it is unnecessary to repeat any of them. However, we refer in this report to some of them which deserve special emphasis.

1978 has been the year of remarkable progress for the World Union Movement when contacts of World Union became closer with several non-governmental organizations around the world working for the solution of world problems, world unity, world community, global civilization or World Government. Due to the aims and activities of World Union, in particular for its work for the promotion of human unity and world peace on a spiritual foundation and the promotion of world government, its General Secretary Sri A. B. Patel has been able to remain in contact with several non-governmental organizations during the year 1978. He is a Co-President of WCPA of Denver, USA; he is a member of the Emergency Council for World Government at the Hague, the Netherlands, and a member of its Inviting Team for extending invitations to prominent persons around the world to join the Emergency Council; he is a member of the World Federal Authority Committee with headquarters at Oslo, Norway; he is registered as a World Citizen with International Registry for World Citizens in Paris and as a Planetary Citizen with Planetary Citizens Association of New York; he is a member of the Board of Directors of International Cooperation Council of California, USA, with which are affiliated about 200 non-governmental organizations with a variety of aims and activities keeping the good of humanity at heart and taking world view of problems; he is a member of the International Advisory Board of the World University of Arizona, USA.

A combined special issue of January/February 1978 World Union journal was published in celebration of the Centenary of the Mother, who was the President of World Union when She left Her physical body on November 17, 1973.

An important regional meeting of the World Constitution and Parliament Association was held at Pondicherry at the instance of Sri Lanka Branch of the WCPA on 22nd April, 1978 when Shri G. Murahari, the Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, presided. The report of the meeting was given in the Focus No. 6/78. During the year the Annual meeting of the Executive Committee of World Union was held at Pondicherry, report of which appeared in the Focus No. 6/78. A meeting of the Central Council of World Union India Centre was held at Bangalore, report of which was also published in the same Focus. The most important meeting of the year was the Second National Convention held at Calcutta from 22nd to 24th October, 1978 report of which has also been published in previous issues of the Focus. We are happy to inform our readers that the members of World Union attended in large number as delegates to the Third Session of the World Constituent Assembly held at Colombo, and took keen interest for the promotion of World Government.

A special reference must be made to the formation of a World Union International Centre at New Delhi whose Chairman and members have undertaken the responsibility of holding the Sixth Triennial World Union World Conference at New Delhi from the 23rd to 26th November, 1979. The Agenda of the Conference was published in the previous issue of the Focus.

About 13 New World Union Centres have been formed during 1978 and several New Life Members and Associate Life Members were enrolled. We urge all World Union Centres

and members to do their utmost to open New World Union Centres wherever possible and to enrol New Life Members and Associate Life Members.

Shri M. P. Pandit's tours in India and abroad—though not officially representing World Union, help in associating the organization with his activities and to spread the ideal of World Union, human unity and world peace, thus bringing them to greater light and contact with already existing common friends and groups as well as new ones.

During the year we had the happy and pleasant occasion to celebrate the 60th birthday of Shri M. P. Pandit, our beloved Chairman and Editor of the World Union journal, on the 14th June '78 when he was at home receiving the felicitous wishes of friends. He was received in Madras by a wider circle which had formed a Shashtiabdapoorthi Celebration Committee. We have in the year 1978 lost energetic and enthusiastic service and support of Mr. Ronald Jorgensen to the World Union movement as on health grounds he had to leave India and settle in USA.

In very heavy correspondence we had been obliged to carry on with members, friends and wellwishers of World Union in India and abroad, we often took the liberty of emphasising the need for right human relations in families, with neighbours, in cities and villages, in regions, nations and the world and of affirming that it will be difficult to realise human unification without establishing in our hearts Love and Oneness with all. We also emphasised that in a movement of this nature number does not count because creative thoughts put forward even by a small number of persons become entities which move about in the world faster than light and lodge in the minds and hearts of men ready for it. We also emphasised in our correspondence that old order is dissolving and a new order is taking a shape and the world is passing through a difficult period of clash of forces which want to maintain the old order with forces which want to shape a new world order. In such a period it becomes very urgent for all who wish to serve humanity to work for "Human Brotherhood". We invite all our readers to join the World Union Movement either in Pondicherry or elsewhere in order to promote "Human Brotherhood" which the Time Spirit demands and which must be the 'Dharma' of the New Age. We will welcome all who wish to join in this great movement for "Human Brotherhood", the promotion of World Government and the promotion of human unity and world peace on a spiritual foundation.

I urge all World Union Centres and members to understand that it is not possible to expand the work of World Union or even to carry on the work at the present level without adequate finance. We therefore invite all Centres and members, friends and wellwishers of World Union to donate money to the World Union Movement generously, to become and enrol Life Members or Associate Life Members and to introduce advertisements to the World Union journal.

Let me end by thanking all workers of World Union without whose assistance and cooperation in Pondicherry World Union office and all other places in India and abroad, the World Union Movement can not hope to maintain its activities, much less to expand.

World Union Bangalore Centre

The above portion of the April Focus was ready, when we received the letter of March 13, 1979 from Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, the Secretary of the Bangalore Centre, referring

to Sri. Samar Basu's proposals for improving the World Union activities to be discussed under item no. 10 of the agenda of the Executive Committee meeting on April 23, 1979. As a result of his experience as the Secretary of the Bangalore Centre for the last four years and discussions with many members, he has made the following suggestions for discussion:

An analysis of the membership of World Union, reveals that most of the members belong to the age group 50 to 70 years. In spite of sincere efforts we have not been able to attract the younger age groups in sufficient numbers. Even amongst the older age group not more than a dozen members out of 60 to 70 members take active interest in the activities. A frank assessment reveals:

1. The programmes adopted at present by World Union do not sufficiently enthuse the community. 2. Lack of service programmes that can attract the younger age group. 3. We do not have a National Centre that can effectively coordinate the activities of various Centres in India, function as a feed back with independent finances for liaison work, instead of being a working unit of International Centre and a limited mandate. An effective strong National Centre, coordinating; monitoring and evaluating the work of various India Centres will be essential for the growth of the World Union Movement.

An example of a service programme that can be adopted by all India Centres: H. E. W. (Health, Education & Welfare). The goal of the programme is to help the child realise that the body is each person's greatest natural resource in life. "Good health is the result of a preventive life style established in childhood and continuing into old age". Each World Union Centre throughout India should plan, organise teaching children and teachers from Kindergarten to Secondary Schools, obtaining help to procure models, films, (organising educative dramas etc.) from Government and public agencies. The required man power for carrying out the project is available in most of the World Union Centres. The programme can be for 10 weeks in a year of 30 minutes each day. This programme will encourage parents to drop into class, and will teach this generation of Indian School children to lead the way to health for coming generations. The concept of world unity can be imbibed in these children in a subtle way, as physical health and mental health are inseparable. I may refer to Magazine SPAN (American) March 1979 issue pages 30 to 33, teaching good health to children.

Forums for World Peace

In January 1979 Focus we gave information under the caption of "Forums for World Peace" that endowments are being secured to give stipends of Rs. 100.00 per month to each student who undertakes to research in the subject. We are happy to inform our readers that Sri U. C. Seth, 125, Nagendas Master Road, Fort, Bombay-400023 has donated Rs. 1,200/- for the movement of Forums for Peace and M/S. Bhagavati Charity Trust, 67, Park Street, Calcutta has similarly donated Rs. 1,200/- for the movement.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Uttar Pradesh The Faculty of Education, Lucknow University organized a two day Conference sponsored by the University Grants Commission to celebrate the Birth Centenary

of the Mother on January 28th and 29th, 1979. Shri M. P. Pandit, Chairman, World Union International, could not be present due to ill-health. In his absence his keynote address was read.

The Conference was presided over by Justice Mishra of Lucknow High Court. In his presidential address he emphasized the spiritual approach to problems of life and education. Dr. S. C. Tyagi a World Union member from Saharanpur spoke on the Mother and her work. Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, Coordinator of World Union and the Joint Director of the Conference explained the purposes of the Conference. After the lunch break papers were read on the spiritual and moral values of life and their significance for the integral development of the child. Mrs. Y. Saxena a World Union member of Lucknow pleaded for the inclusion of the teachings of the Mother in the education courses prescribed by the Lucknow University, for under graduate students. Dr. S. P. Singh of Aligarh Muslim University spoke on the role of the vital and emphasized the need for developing aesthetic sensibilities of children by teaching them fine arts, music and dance. Sri P. N. Tripathi from Jwalapur (Hardwar) spoke on integral system of education as propounded by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

On the 2nd day of the Conference members of the Faculty of Education, Lucknow University discussed the practical aspect of the teachings of the Mother keeping in view the need for international understanding and human unity. The Vice-Chancellor of Lucknow University Dr. R. V. Singh presided over the closing function and valedictory address was delivered by Dr. G. N. Pande former Vice-Chancellor of Roorkee University. One of the sessions of the Conference was presided over by Dr. Surendra Singh, Vice-Chancellor Avadh University Faizabad. Prof. K. A. S. Iyer, former Vice-Chancellor of Lucknow University was present on both days on all sessions.

All the members of the World Union took active part in this two day Conference which was very successful. After the Conference the lecturers of the Degree College of Lucknow had formed Education Forum which is going to meet every month and discuss current educational problems.

Uttarpara On the 21st February, 1979 at the house of Sri M. N. Halder, the members of World Union Uttarpara Centre celebrated the Mother's 101st Birth Anniversary, very solemnly and with keen devotion befitting to the purpose and sanctity of the occasion.

After devotional song and group concentration, each member offered flowers at the lotus feet of the Mother. Then Kumari Banani Dasgupta read out selected portion from Savitri — Book III, Canto. IV (Bengali version) and the same was explained by Sri Samar Basu with reference to the purpose of the Mother's embodiment. Sri Nirapada Das and Km. Shampa Bhattacharya read out writings from the Mother's "Words of Long Ago" and "Prayers and Meditation" respectively. Thereafter, Sri Samar Basu spoke on "The Mother's Guidance" quoting relevant lines from "Letters of Sri Aurobindo on the Mother". Sri M. N. Halder—an old devotee—entertained the members and guests. It was a very delightful and encouraging assemblage.

The 67th monthly Seminar of Uttarpara Centre was held as usual on 19th March '79 (Second Saturday) at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith at 5:30 P. M. when Sri S. K. Gupta presided. After devotional song and group concentration, the Secretary in his introductory speech explained the necessity for reorganising the Regional Centre and reviving the dormant and inactive local centres to cope with the dynamism of the movement.

Then the Chairman in a very lucid way explained Sri M. P. Pandit's splendid article "The Mother is Love"—editorial in the February issue of World Union journal. Thereafter Sri Samar Basu discussed "Sri Aurobindo's political thought" in two phases. In the first phase he explained (a) how and why Sri Aurobindo plunged into politics and (b) what were his contributions? In the first part he enumerated factual events and in the second part the political philosophy of Sri Aurobindo as propounded in the pages of 'Indu Prakash, Bande Mataram, Yugantar, Dharma and Karma Yogin'. This discussion will continue in the next monthly meeting.

Nanjangud Shri G. Murahari, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha, New Delhi and President, India Chapter of WCPA, accompanied by Sri K. B. Jagadish, Secretary of World Union Madras Centre, paid a visit to World Union Centre Office at Nanjangud. Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan, President of the Centre and member World Council received Shri G. Murahari. He explained to the Deputy Speaker the activities of the Nanjangud Centre. Shri G. Murahari evinced keen interest in them. He and Sri K. B. Jagadish were happy to note that the Nanjangud Centre has its own office. Sri G. Murahari and Sri K. B. Jagadish signed the visitor's book. Shri G. Murahari wished the Nanjangud Centre more and more success in the movement for a World Government.

Chandernagore The Centre with its members and well wishers held three Seminars on three respective dates, 26.11.78, 17.12.78, 11.2.79 in a befitting manner. Devotional songs were sung by Sri Aloke Mukherjee, Provat Chatterjee, Tapas Mukherjee and Smt. Papia Chatterjee, followed by group concentration in full sanctity and silence. The discussion on "Gita and its interpretation by Sri Aurobindo and others" was the focal theme of the three Seminars and will be continued in future meetings. Prof. Santosh Kr. Bhattacharya spoke very nicely presenting not only quotations but also interesting illustrations with frequent comparisons with Sri Aurobindo's views on same, thus helping to widen the vision.

New Alipore The weekly meeting on 18th January (Thursday) was attended by Sri Rajan Ganguly, a member of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry. He talked on the role of 'The Mother' in the creation of a new way of life and a new society on this earth. People who consecrated their lives at the Mother's service, will have to sacrifice their personal happiness for the greater interest of the society. Selfless love to the humanity is a big step towards the love for the Divine. He also emphasised the importance of gratitude to the Divine for small things in everyday life instead of grumbling to Him for not fulfilling our desires.

On 1st February, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, the Secretary of the Centre inaugurated 'The Mother's Happy Home' for destitute children in Hooghly district organised by 'Antaranga' when he explained to the women workers the real attitude to work and said 'Love' is the first condition in working with children.

On 21st February—The Mother's Birthday—Dr. Mukherjee took a leading role in arranging a Children Festival with 'Srima Utsav Samiti' at Rabindra Sadan in Calcutta to celebrate the International Children's Year. The Ministers and Officials of Government of West Bengal were invited apart from various organizations in West Bengal. Tanuja Mukherjee, the youngest member of New Alipore Centre recited some sanskrit hymns written by Sri Pujal of Sri Aurobindo Ashram. The festival was presided by Dr. Roma Chowdhury and the Chief Guest was Smt. Nirupama Chatterjee, a State Minister, who distributed presents to

the poor children. Sri Tinkari Banerjee of Sri Aurobindo Ashram graced the occasion by some devotional music in his melodious voice.

Amta Modestly but with due solemnity, this Centre observed the Birth Anniversary of the Mother on 21.2.79 in the Centre Hall, with Sri Rebati Raman Banerjee presiding. The function was fairly attended by eminent educationists, progressive youngmen and some noted local artists. After prayer and group meditation, Sri Abani Bhushan Mayra read out extracts from 'Savitri' and elaborated the aim and goal of Integral Yoga with relevant quotations from Sri Aurobindo. Sri Gnan Halder discussed the life and teachings of the Mother and selected hymns from Upanishads were recited by Sri Monoranjan Pal. Lastly, Smt Jharna Banerjee, a radio artist, by her high order of performance of Rabindra Sangeet, lent to the function its sublime atmosphere surcharged with an overtone of devotion and deep aspiration.

After the conclusion of the function, a pamphlet with the caption "Whys and Wherefores of World Union" published by the Centre in Bengali was distributed to those present, many of whom held long discussion with the Secretary on various aspects of World Union Vis-a-Vis present day world crisis.

After the distribution of MATRI PRASAD, the participants were served Mid-Day lunch at 1.30 P. M. proposed by the Chairman Sri Rebati Raman Banerjee whose notable financial assistance to the Centre right from the beginning is specially appreciated. Sri Dhonanjay Dubay in particular and Sri Samar Basu, the Coordinator, have provided valuable guidance and assistance in organising and progress of the Centre.

(In March 1979 Focus in the address of the Centre the name of the District is wrongly printed as "Hooghly" which should be "Howrah").

Baranagar Eight New Office-Bearers were elected on 4th March, 1979 including Sri P. P. Bhattacharya as Adviser, Smt. Juipul Roy as President and Sri Sankha Bhattacharya as Secretary. The address remains unchanged. The Centre will continue monthly meetings on the first Sunday of each month, 'Savitri Class' on the Second Saturday and 'Humanity Class' on second and fourth Sundays of each month.

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TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

World Authority to Uphold Human Rights

Amnesty International, winner of 1977 Nobel Peace Prize and 1978 U. N. Human Rights Prize, had sent a telegram to Mr. Kurt Waldheim, the Secretary General of the U.N.O., complaining against the summary and secret trials in Iran by Islamic revolutionary courts who convicted and executed a large number of persons, including a former Prime Minister, Ministers, Generals of the army, former top officials and others without giving them proper and adequate opportunity of defence. The Amnesty International also asked the Secretary General to convene a session of the Security Council to give consideration to such summary trials and executions. The reply of the Secretary General was that it would amount to interference in the internal affairs of a Member State and was against the provisions of the U. N. Charter. This reply demonstrates beyond a shadow of doubt that the provisions in the U. N. Charter guaranteeing sovereignty of each Member State and forbidding the U. N. from interfering in the internal affairs of any member State, even when human rights were cruelly and recklessly suppressed. These provisions in the U. N. Charter are absolutely out of date at a time when the world has become one for all practical purposes and the nations have become totally interdependent. It is essential that the Charter of the United Nations must be revised in these matters without any further delay so that the U. N. can enforce human rights urgently demanded by the Time-Spirit.

It is very essential to have a global government to prevent tyrants like Idi Amin, who ruled over Uganda for about eight years and trampled upon all human rights during his misrule, and brutally killed lakhs of his people, utterly misbehaving as a ruler under the cover of national sovereignty and sanctity of internal affairs. The International Community watched

for eight years Idi Amin's misdeeds helplessly on account of these out of date doctrines of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of a nation. Under the present U. N. Charter tyrants like Idi Amin are free to perpetrate their misdeeds and yet their representatives to the U. N. O. can make eloquent speeches in the U. N. meetings in justification of such misdeeds. One can legitimately ask when will the conscience of world community awaken to put an end to such indefensible state of affairs?

The formation of a world authority is necessary to prevent such gross and often cruel violations of human rights. The world community has watched shamefully and silently, since the declaration of human rights in December 1948, many persons dying or silenced in the exercise of their rights or in the defense of the rights of others. Without doubt there is a long list of victims during the last 30 years and it demands that the International Community must now act to create a world authority to prevent recurrence of such situations of human stupidity.

World Constitution and Parliament Association

The Local Chapter of WCPA in West Bengal held a meeting of its members on Sunday, the 11th March 1979, at Uttarpara, Prof. K. C. Pal presiding.

The proceedings of the Third Session of the World Constituent Assembly at Colombo, organized by the Sri Lanka Branch of the WCPA, were received from Mr. Philip Isely, the Secretary General of WCPA, including a copy of the "Resolution on Action to be taken by National Parliaments" for the introduction of a Bill similar to or for the same purpose as was introduced by Shri H. V. Kamath in the Indian Parliament, model resolution for adoption by national parliaments and "Rationale for World Constituent Assembly". These were read by Sri Samar Basu, the General Secretary and Treasurer of the Local Chapter. There was general discussion by the meeting and as a result it was resolved that a suitable action be taken for circulating the said proceedings, including the reports, among all members of the Local Chapter and among interested persons in West Bengal. Thereafter, recommendations of the sub-committee of the Working Commission on Ratification Campaign namely (i) Towns & Communities Sub-Committee, (ii) Universities and Colleges Sub-Committee, which were approved by the Assembly, were read by Sri P. P. Bhattacharya.

After discussion on various aspects of the recommendations with reference to the practicability of action in West Bengal, Sri Bhattacharya proposed that Prof. K. C. Pal be requested to organize core-groups in as many Universities and Colleges as possible for the propagation and ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, for obtaining support to Shri H. V. Kamath's Bill and for the purpose to contact Chancellors, Pro-Chancellors, Vice-Chancellors, Principals, Teaching Faculties and the members of Academic Community. The proposal was seconded by Sri Samar Basu and passed unanimously. Prof. K. C. Pal gladly accepted the assignment and assured the meeting of his sincere endeavour to discharge it.

It was further resolved that, Sri Samar Basu be requested to hold a Conference of World Union Centres in the Eastern Region during the second week of May 1979 to make all concerned fully aware of the urgent need to carry out the task to prepare suitable grounds to organize strong coregroups in different parts of the region and to draw plans and programmes accordingly for the ratification of the Constitution by Social, Educational and

Cultural Organizations, Village Panchayats, Municipal Bodies and Town Councils.

On the proposal of Sri Parimal Chakraborty seconded by Sri P. P. Bhattacharya it was resolved that the World Union Centres in the Eastern Region be requested to send one or more representatives to the meetings of the Local Chapter of WCPA, and to act as Liaison Officers for effective implementation of the programmes of the Local Chapter by the World Union Centres.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Report of the Strategic Commission of the Assembly at Colombo

This report is a long document prepared in two parts. The first part of the Report was unanimously adopted by the Assembly. The Second part of the Report entitled "The River of Destiny Project For World Unification, Peace And Progress Through Cooperation" had proved controversial and at the time of the voting for its adoption three persons voted against it, which had not happened for any other report. We give below the first part of the Strategy Commission Report which is short. We will publish in June 1979 Focus the second part of the Report which is rather long.

Chairman—Helen Tucker, Canada, —Secretaries —Klaus Thakur-Schlichtmann, Germany, Tharyan Abraham, India.

The Strategy Commission numbered 13 : Australia—2; Belgium—2; Canada—2; Denmark —1; India-- 1; Germany-- 1; Sri Lanka—3; USA —1; Delegates came from 4 continents: Asia-- 4, Australia -- 2, Europe--4, North America —3.

The commission developed its work, depending upon the contributions of each member's thought and enthusiasm for promoting the unity and welfare of the People of Earth. Each person participated as a World Citizen in a group in which we all felt committed to a democratic world government and the constitution for the federation of earth, adopted in Innsbruck, Australia, in 1977. It was an exciting and inspiring experience to work in this group.

The preliminary report of the strategy commission was presented on Tuesday, January 2nd 1979 by Helen Tucker, Canada, Chairman, and Klaus Thakur-Schlichtmann, Germany, Secretary. It included the presentation of an *Action Program* which we have given the title "RIVER OF DESTINY PROJECT FOR WORLD UNIFICATION". This project described in detail in this final report, will demonstrate the principle of "Peace and Progress through Cooperation" by the *willingness* of the people and nations to work together for the common welfare, supplying food, hydro electric power and employment facilities to the sub-continent of India in Asia. The purpose is to supply, a real need of 1/7th of the people of the world; to engage the technological knowledge and labour skills of people from all countries willing to participate; and to require the use of world government, world law and international cooperation to administer and help finance the project.

It will demonstrate world citizens in action for peace, not war. *The River of Destiny project* can prove that the People of the world can not only survive on planet earth, but can enter into a new age of harmony, peace and plenty. The will of the 'Peoples of Earth' can prevail against principalities and tyrants, guided by the spiritual approach of *Goodwill* for humankind and sharing the blessings of the Earth.

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Object: Extension of *Ratification Campaign* of 'Constitution for the Federation of Earth by':

- I. *Person-to-Person Campaign* in communities through *World Citizens Centres; mundialized municipalities; U.N. International Year of the Child, 1979; Esperanto Studies; Media* impact by newspapers, TV, Radio, Schools.
- II. *World Development Project* requiring cooperation of national governments; United Nations Agencies (World Bank; Special Fund for Development, and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO'S): "RIVER OF DESTINY PROJECT FOR WORLD UNIFICATION".
- III. *Cooperation* with like-minded world government organizations who are ready to endorse, adopt and/or ratify the Constitution for the Federation of Earth (see Appendix 1).
- IV. Intensify Campaign with governments by approaching heads of state, parliamentarians and United Nations to participate in the "RIVER OF DESTINY PROJECT FOR WORLD UNIFICATION".
- V. Ask Mr. Isely to produce a smaller, but more compact version of the Earth Constitution, including glossary of terms and updated ratification plan for use in schools, colleges and among parliamentarians, *including* implementation aspects of the "RIVER OF DESTINY PROJECT".

N. B. — It is expected that strategies presented by Commission D would be coordinated with those of other commissions, and priorities set by the Assembly in its business meetings.

The "River of Destiny Project for World Unification" is considered by the commission group to involve millions of people who would be *made aware* of the need for world government and ratification and implementation of the Earth Constitution. Considerable detail has been added to the final report of Commission D in order to stimulate knowledge of the Indian sub-continental project among parliamentarians and U. N. delegations, whose enthusiasm and support is essential.

Pressure of time prevents a completely satisfying presentation of our Commission's report.

Helen Tucker, Chairman
January 3, 1979

Correction :

The last paragraph on page 40 of the April journal, in Focus section, gives information of the World Government journal Volume 1 No. 3 of Sri Lanka. Mr. Bandula Sri Gunawardhana writes to us that he is (not was) Co-Chairman of the Commission on Provisional World Parliament of WCPA. He informs that the price of the journal is Rs. 50.00 of Sri Lanka and registered airmail to India costs Rs. 32.00 of Sri Lanka.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

World Union Cultural & Economic Council The Council's monthly meeting was held on April 1, 1979. This time Chandannagar Centre was the host. Concerned members from five Centres attended the meeting. The new General Secretary, Sri Samiran Ghosh, has been requested to prepare upto date progress report for presentation to Sri A. B. Patel, the President of the Council. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya the Chairman of the Council presided over this meeting.

State Regional Centre, West Bengal In the meeting of the State Council, held on March 18, 1979 in New Dawn at 18-A Ramdhone Mitra Lane, Calcutta 700004, under the Chairmanship of Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, the rules of procedure for forming the State Council and Executive Committee and the duties thereof were proposed by Sri Samar Basu, the Coordinator of Eastern Region and adopted unanimously. Accordingly New Executive Committee for the next three years was formed as follows : Chairman : Dr. Arun Sil, Vice-Chairmen : Sri Tripti Kumar Sinha and Sri Sukumar Mukherjee, Secretary : Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Assistant Secretaries : Smt. Minu Roy and Sri Lakshmi Narayan Dutta, Ex-Officio Member, Coordinator, Eastern Region. Office of the State Regional Centre has been shifted to 28/1 Manna Para Road, Calcutta 700050.

Baranagar The monthly meeting was held as usual on the first Sunday morning on 1st April, 1979 in the Centre's office at 28/1 Manna Para Road, Calcutta 700050, when Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya presided and in his talk explained the wave of consciousness simultaneously released from Sri Chaitanya, Guru Nanak and Martin Luther, from 1485 to 1533. He then compared that with the following wave released from the three contemporaries – Sri Ramkrishna, Brahmananda Keshab Chandra and Madame Blavatsky. Lastly he drew attention to Sri Aurobindo's era and the contemporary wave released from the Mother, Sister Nivedite and Mrs. Annie Besant.

Chandernagore The monthly Seminar for March was held on 11.3.79 at Chandernagore French Institute at 4 P.M. under the Presidentship of Shri S. K. Nandy, a veteran freedom fighter and a devotee of Sri Aurobindo. After an opening song by Sri Rathin Debsharma and group concentration the speaker, Prof. S. K. Bhattacharya began the discussion on "Geeta" in its fourth phase. He said that man with his three chief qualities Satyaha, Rajaha and Tamaha grows up as a full being. He acts accordingly under dominant influence of one of these qualities. Selfishness is the real hindrance to come up to the Divine plane. But by constant attempt one can succeed. Lastly devotional songs were sung by Suparna Sarkar and Sri Khagendranath Dutta. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Nanjangud Sri S. Krishnamurthy the Honorary International Lecturer on Spiritual Subjects gave a talk on "Need of the Hour—World Unity" on the 18th of March 1979 at the Centre's office. He alluded to the major problems of the world today, like population explosion, inequitable distribution of resources, colossal expenditure on armaments, ecological

hazards and horrors of modern warfare. He declared that World Union, which stands for human unity and world peace on a spiritual foundation, has a special relevance today. It is not merely political or administrative arrangement, but man's inner attitude of goodwill towards all on which a true foundation of unity and peace can be laid. All inner qualities of man are really spiritual qualities without which the future of the human race is bleak. The first step to world unity is to subordinate one's ego to the interests of the general harmony in every sphere of life.

He wound up saying that a World Government which is one of the goals of World Union is taking shape. National fanaticism is an anachronism in the modern world. The sooner it is eschewed the better. Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan, who presided, fully subscribed to the ideas expressed by the speaker. He asserted emphatically that a World Federation is the only remedy and a must for the world's maladies. It will surely emerge by the end of this century. He paid handsome tributes to WCPA and World Union for their efforts in this direction and for the epoch making World Constituent Assembly Sessions held at Sri Lanka recently.

Calcutta North Suburban In the monthly meeting held on 25th March 1979 at the Centre's office the Committee was reconstituted with Sri Nirod Chandra Roy as Chairman, Sri Chuni Lal Goswami as Secretary and Sri Rabindra Nath Bhattacharjee as Treasurer and seven others with important designations which appears a promising group for increasing activity and progress.

Thereafter Dr. N. R. Karmakar and Sri Nirod Chandra Roy discussed the Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Sri C. L. Goswami spoke on different aspects of Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana and the World Union Movement since 1958 till today in India and overseas. Guests and new members at the meeting were well impressed. He also narrated in brief the life and illustrious career and Sadhana of Sri Aurobindo and the Divine Mother for their information.

Tirupattur 7.1.79. The members offered a day of "Shram Dhan" by working on the government orchard on the Yellagiri Hills near Jolarpet.

21.1.79 A drive against mal-nutrition was undertaken. Pamphlets emphasising the need of eating pappaya, drumsticks and guava were distributed. The members visited more than 1000 houses and planted sapplings which were given free of cost by Block Development Office.

12.3.79 Mr. S. Krishnamurthy, Honorary International Lecturer, visited the Centre. He gave a thought provoking lecture on "The Challenge of the New Age". The meeting was presided by Mr. T. G. Viswanathan, President of Tamil District Theosophical Federation. The meeting was jointly organised by both the organizations.

13.3.79 This was a specially memorable day for the teachers' community in and around Tirupattur. Mr. S. Krishnamurthy delivered yet another impressive lecture on "An Ideal Teacher is an Ideal Psychologist". It was a very inspiring lecture for all and especially for the teachers in particular. After the meeting a get-together was arranged by Mr. S. Krishnamurthy, exclusively for the World Union members. The idea of conducting Study Circles and creating an inter-centre in Yellagiri Hills was discussed. The members expressed their heartfelt thanks to Mr. S. Krishnamurthy and also to Mr. A. B. Patel for the remarkable meetings.

Sri Ma Centre On 10th March, 1979 World Union Baranagore and Calcutta North Suburban Centres jointly celebrated the Fifth Anniversary of Sri Ma Centre at "Sri Ma Bhavan", 403 R. N. Tagore Road, Calcutta-77. After meditation for two minutes, Sri Tinkori Banerjee, the celebrated musician of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, inaugurated the function with his song "Abirhab". Sri C. L. Goswami, the founder of the Centre, read from SAVITRI which impressed all the more when poet Sunil Banerjee remarked that "The Poet of Epic Savitri has descended down at this Centre in Chunilal's recitation". Sri Nirod Chandra Roy, Chairman of Calcutta North Suburban Centre presided and said that the Mother and Sri Aurobindo's advent was predestined and this great country India—prepared the field and ripe conditions through Sadhana of its hundreds of Yogins and Avatars, to fulfil India's destiny. Sri Ambika Bhattacharjee, a Tantra Scholar, Sri Sunil Banerjee, the poet, and Sri Deba Prasad Mukherjee as well as some other friends took part in the discussions. Sri Tinkori Banerjee and Smt. Soobha Goswami offered songs and Prof. Purnanda Mukherjee expressed vote of thanks.

Uttarpara The 68th monthly Seminar of World Union Uttarpara Centre was held as usual on the second Saturday of April 1979 (14th April) at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith at 6:00 P.M. when Shri S. K. Gupta presided.

At the outset Sri Samar Basu informed the members of the subjects to be discussed in the ensuing Executive Committee meeting with special reference to "PEACE FORUM". Then Sri M. N. Halder discussed the Editorial of March 1979, which comprised the speech delivered by Sri M. P. Pandit on the happy occasion of his inaugurating the Study Circle at Humanity House in New Delhi organised by the World Union International Delhi Centre. Sri Basu also pin pointed a few cardinal points wherefrom very encouraging guidelines to run Centres could be drawn out.

Thereafter the Secretary of the Centre spoke on the second phase of the subject—"Sri Aurobindo's Political Thought". In this phase he explained the psychological aspects of human society in the evolutionary process and how nature was working in humanity in its march towards ultimate goal. The subject will be continued in the next meeting.

New Centre

Patel Nagar This Centre was formed in Muzaffarnagar during middle of March 1979 under advice and guidance from Sri Sant Ram the President of Muzaffarnagar Centre—this being the second Centre in that town. Sri Vishnu Kant Gupta is the President and his wife Smt. Sushila Rani is the Secretary & Treasurer. Their address is: 296 Patel Nagar, New Mandi, Muzaffarnagar 251001, (U. P.)—which is also the address of the Centre.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

World Union Centres and members can effectively contribute to the work of World Union by the creation of an enlightened public opinion in their respective area. But the work must begin with the individual member himself. It is necessary to educate people about the aims, ideals and activities of World Union. The present difficult world conditions require effective implementation of these aims and ideals, in particular the realization of human unity and world peace. In this way World Union can become an instrument for the promotion of a harmonious world order, which is very essential for the solution of difficult world problems facing humanity.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The 20th Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee

The 20th Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Ashram "Cottage Guest House", Pondicherry, at 2:30 P.M. on Monday, the 23rd of April 1979. Thirty-four members and invitees were present in the meeting, while eight members and invitees had informed of their inability to attend.

The meeting commenced with a brief meditation. Sri M. P. Pandit, as Chairman, welcomed all those present and said:

I find myself in an optimistic frame of mind in welcoming you all, my co-workers in the cause of World Peace and Human Unity, to this physical home of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. As you know I draw my inspiration from the Mother who was an incorrigible optimist and confidently looked forward to a transforming change in the mind of humanity and the dawn of a New Age. All that is happening around us, in our country and abroad, goes to confirm this prevision of hers.

Those who have perpetrated evil and lived by evil are being steadily eliminated. Old systems based upon inequality, exploitation and self-aggrandisement on the part of a few, are breaking down. Institutions embodying out-of-date ideas and ideals are losing credibility. Political systems, whether of the so named democratic type or the communist, are proving themselves inadequate. Economics are going bankrupt. Religions have faded out. Everywhere,

in whatever field of life, the old is being destroyed. And that is as it should be, for only so can the new establish itself.

We of the World Union Movement have an open mind and are ready to accept the plus points of every system and ideology, for each in its own way and in its own time has served to help mankind to move forward. Even Communism, despite its obvious limitations, has served to pull up vast masses of humanity to standards of living which would have been undreamt of in the old leisurely ways of the laissez-faire approach. Sri Aurobindo pointed out as early as fifty years ago the astonishing services of the Bolshevist revolution in this regard; we may say the same about the Chinese revolution. There are negative features, true, but which system is totally free from these?

I am not a communist. But I do accept some of the fundamental truths of this doctrine : equality of opportunity, commonality of wealth ; from each according to his capacity, to each according to his need. But side by side, I also claim freedom of thought, freedom of speech, freedom of faith. I refuse to be regimented. The future of society lies in this direction. You may be aware that for the last fifty years an experiment has been made in our Ashram to build a collectivity on the basis of equality, freedom and unity of consciousness. That also is the basis of the project of Auroville on a larger scale. The results of living this pattern of life deserve to be studied by political and social thinkers. How far this non-competitive, collaborative and spiritually inspired collective organization is a superior to the competitive, rivalry-ridden and materially based type that obtains generally elsewhere is worth deep study.

I perceive everywhere in the world a deep recognition of the inability of the old values to serve the present needs of humanity in this age of Science, Technology and Universalism. A new set of values and movements based upon them, reconciling the truths of Science and Spirituality, the individual and society, nations and the World Family, is emerging. The higher mind of Man has accepted the necessity of this change. It is now a question of time.

It is in this context that we have to assess the role of movements like ours. It is irresponsible to dismiss concepts and ideals like World Peace, World Unity, as utopian. Every great achievement, till it is realised, is poohpoohed this way. It will not do to say that two neighbours cannot live in peace, two brothers do not live without conflict and how can you speak of World Peace. We must realise that World Peace is not yet a reality precisely because two of us are yet to make a sincere effort to build peace between ourselves. In the measure in which each one of us creates an area of peace around himself, world peace becomes a practicable proposition. That is the responsibility that each of us here has to shoulder. We build peace in our homes, in our areas of influence and take steps to help others to do likewise. It is not enough to have Peace and Unity as ideals. They must be articulated in our thought, speech, feeling, action. And this can be surely done once we accept and carry out a psychological change in our outlook and approach ; this change can come about to the extent we recognise the vitiating role of our ego and thin it out by whatever means. The most effective means, I daresay, is the spiritual : to arrive at the centre of oneness and peace in ourselves that lies at the core of our being. To become aware of and deepen our consciousness till we touch the soul level where unity is spontaneous, peace is natural. That is the

special feature of our movement. World Unity based upon a spiritual basis which alone can be lasting.

To commence this inner journey is the first step. But simultaneously we must communicate our growing realisation of this truth to the environment, by adopting different wave-lengths in our interchange. In our speeches, in our writings, in our behaviour, this new note of identity and love must find expression. We are trying to make our journal, *World Union*, a vehicle to carry this message. We are introducing writings of simpler quality, citing inspiring words of seers and thinkers who have lived in this consciousness of ONENESS, encouraging readers to think on these lines and ask questions, reviewing books that broaden our perspective and so on. We are open to suggestions for improvement. For we believe in a growing perfection; self-complacency is foreign to our way of life. We have taken steps to start Forums for World Peace in several universities and centres of learning. Our effort is limited only by the resources at our disposal. We invite more cooperation, we seek more cooperation, we seek more goodwill, we seek everyone's hand for a sincere shake.

The minutes of the 19th Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee held at Pondicherry on the 25th April 1978 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman. On matters arising from the minutes, Sri A. B. Patel informed the meeting that on the 23rd February 1979 the Lok Sabha postponed Shri H. V. Kamath's Bill to March 1, 1980 giving further time to elicit public opinion. This provided an opportunity to all World Union Centres and others, who have not done it so far, to express their support to the Bill in a fitting manner. He asked that all communications in support of the Bill should be addressed to the Lok Sabha Secretariat, through the Chief Secretary of the State from which the communication is sent. Such a communication can be either a memorandum, or a resolution or signatures in support of the Bill. Three copies of each communication should be sent to the Chief Secretary of a State with a request to him to forward two copies to the Lok Sabha Secretariat.

On the Quotations on ONENESS the meeting was informed that Mr. Ronald Jorgensen, a member of the Executive Committee and an active worker of World Union, who was collecting Quotations on ONENESS, had to go to USA owing to his ill-health. Happily he has regained his health and has continued his work to collect quotations. He has already collected about 1000 quotations which will be forwarded by him to Pondicherry for publication. All present were requested to send any quotations on ONENESS, modern or ancient, by authors of any country of the world, for publication in the journal.

Regarding the World Union journal Sri M. P. Pandit said that he had tried to put the journal in a form more easily accessible to a wider range of people, at the same time introducing matters more relevant to the principles and practice of world unity. Dr. B. N. Baral made three suggestions: (a) In view of the high standard of matter in the journal, it was advisable to have introductions to enable the ordinary reader to follow. (b) Translations in other languages will enable people not knowing English to take interest in the Movement. In this regard Sri A. B. Patel informed the meeting that in the early period of the journal, suggestions were received for translation of articles in more than a dozen languages of Asia, Africa and Europe, which was not considered practical for want of necessary manpower and finance. Any World Union Centre is welcome to undertake translations in a regional language. (c) Inclusion of Mother's quotations on the DIVINE LIFE. Sri M. P. Pandit replied that

writings of the Mother were published in the journal and will continue in the future.

The Annual Report of the year 1978 was adopted by the meeting. The meeting noted that the financial position of World Union had shown a deficit of Rs. 10, 425/46 at the end of 1977, while there was a welcome excess of income over expenditure in the sum of Rs. 4,085/47 at the end of 1978, leaving a deficit of Rs. 6,339/99. The audited accounts were adopted by the meeting. All World Union Centres and members are aware that World Union finds it difficult to make two ends meet financially and therefore they are requested to do their best to introduce new members, particularly Life Members and Associate Life Members, to introduce advertisements in the journal and to secure donations for World Union. Donations to World Union carry income tax exemption under Section 80 (G) of the Income-tax Act 1961.

Sixth Triennial World Union World Convention

Shri Gurudeep Manocha, the Chairman of World Union International Delhi Centre, spoke for about 50 minutes and explained arrangements being made by his Centre for the Convention in New Delhi. The Convention will be held from the 23rd to 27th November, 1979, and inaugurated at 5.30 P.M. on the 23rd November, 1979 at FICCI Auditorium. Shri Gurudeep Manocha will deliver a welcome address, and the inaugural address will follow. After this Sri A. B. Patel will read a triennial report of World Union. Sri M. P. Pandit will then deliver a keynote address. There will be a cultural programme at 7.30 P.M. by Dagar Brothers.

The Convention will reassemble at 9.30 A.M. at Kamani Auditorium on the 24th November 1979. The subject before the Convention will be "Prospects of United Nations Being Converted into Supranational Organization Having Full Powers of World Government". From 9.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. the Speakers on the subject will include Shri H. V. Kamath, Mr. Philip Isely, Shri C. V. Narasimhan, Justice Raja Jaswant Singh of the Supreme Court. Shri Swaran Singh, Shri A. B. Vajpayee and Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit are invited to speak and their answer is awaited. There will be a recess from 1.30. to 2.30 P.M. There will be general discussion on the subject from 2.30 to 5.30 P.M. There will be a cultural programme from 7.00 P.M. to 10.00 P.M. details of which will be announced later.

On the 25th November the Convention will meet at Kamani Auditorium on the subject: "Constitution for the Federation of Earth to Attain World Order Through World Law". Shri Shanti Bhushan, the Minister of Law in the Government of India, will preside. Among the speakers from 9.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. will be Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer of the Supreme Court; Justice S. Rangarajan; Dr. Max Habicht of Switzerland, well versed in International Law; Justice H. R. Khanna, Chairman of Law Commission, Justice P. N. Bhagwati of the Supreme Court, Mr. Tulsidas Dasappa M.P.; and Mr. N. M. Ghatate, Advocate. There will be a break from 1.30 to 2.30 P.M. Time from 2.30 to 5.30 P.M. is reserved for general discussion. Cultural programme from 7.30 P.M. will be announced later.

On 26th November the venue of the Convention will be Kamani Auditorium and the subject before the Convention will be: "Programme of Education for One World". Dr. K. R. Narayanan, the Vice-Chancellor of the Jawaharlal University, will preside. Among the speakers from 9.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. will be: Dr. Karan Singh; Shri P. G. Mavalankar M.P.; Dr. Helen K. Billings of USA; Shri Rohit C. Mehta; Prof. M. Rafiq Khan; Dr. Prem Kripal;

Shri Kireet Joshi; and Prof. Edvige Bestazzi of Italy. The time from 2:30 to 5:30 P.M. is reserved for general discussion. 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. — the World Union Day will be celebrated as a cultural programme.

On the 27th November the venue of the Convention will be FICCI Auditorium and the subject will be: "Democratic Federal World Government". Shri H. M. Patel, the Home Minister in the Government of India, will preside. From 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. there will be among the speakers: Shri Godey Murahari, Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha; Mr. Reinhart Ruge of Mexico; Shri Jagadish Joshi M.P.; Shri Ajit Kumar Sharma, M.P.; and Dr. Ramji Singh, M.P. From 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. there will be general discussion. At 4:00 P.M. Justice Y. V. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India, will deliver a valedictory address. At 5:00 P.M. or soon after the termination of the Convention, the members of the World Council of World Union will meet and, among other items, it will elect an Executive Committee of World Union for the following three years.

Other Meetings

It is proposed to hold the meeting of the Executive Committee of World Union at New Delhi at 9:00 A.M. on 23.11.79 and the meeting of the Central Council of World Union India Centre of Bangalore at 2:30 P.M. on 23.11.79. All concerned will receive, in due course, notice of each meeting stating the Agenda and the venue of the meeting.

Sri Samar Basu read an informative and instructive report on the Second National Convention of World Union Centres in India held at Calcutta from 22-24 October 1978 detailing efforts made in organizing the same.

Sri A. B. Patel briefly referred to the work done by the World Constituent Assembly at Colombo and said that the main emphasis was on obtaining the ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth by Municipalities, Town Councils, Universities and National Governments in as many countries as possible. He also explained briefly the important principles embodied in the provisions of the Constitution.

Sri Samar Basu as Coordinator of the Eastern Region read his report outlining the activities conducted by Centres in his region and general progress made, particularly in West Bengal. Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, Coordinator of the Northern Region, read a report outlining the meetings held and memberships enrolled in his region. Sri M. K. Rameswaram, Coordinator for the Southern Region, spoke about the work done and progress made.

Celebration of World Union Day—20th August 1979

A number of suggestions were put forward by various members in regard to the theme for celebration of the World Union Day on the 20th August 1979 and concerning themes for inviting Essay Competition from students. However, all members were agreeable that in this 1979 International Year of the Child, the subject selected should be relevant to it. After long discussion it was decided that the subject for inviting essay competitions from students and also for the meetings should be: "Child as World Citizen", but for essay competitions from students below 16 years of age the subject should be: "My Future World". It was agreed that every World Union Centre is, however, free to arrange an additional programme

which will be relevant to the 1979 International Year of the Child and that the programme may be conducted on Sunday, the 19th August if it was found more convenient to do it. Sri Samar Basu, whose birthday falls on the 20th August, declared that he will contribute Rs. 100.00 for prizes for essay competition by students.

Projects to Stimulate World Union Activities

Suggestions were received from Sri Samar Basu regarding projects for activating Old Centres which have gradually become dormant, and projects for opening New Centres and also regarding promotion of cooperation with other organizations and associations working for human unity and world peace in India and if possible, the formation of All India Federation of Human Unity Associations. These suggestions were published in the World Union Focus No. 3/79. Similarly, suggestions received from Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana for improving the work of World Union were published in the Focus No. 4/79. Sri Samar Basu and Dr. Lakshminarayana spoke in support of their suggestions. Several members, including Sri P. Krishna Raju, Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row, Dr. B. N. Baral, Sri S. Krishnamurthy participated in the discussion. One of the important suggestions was that World Union India Centre ought to take up the work of contact with the World Union Centres in India and also of the opening of New Centres. Sri A. B. Patel reminded the members that when World Union India Centre was formed in 1975 it was decided that its chief concern for the next five years was to work for national integration of India. In view of the several suggestions on the subject likely to have wide repercussions, the meeting decided that a Committee of Sri M. P. Pandit, Sri S. Krishnamurthy, Sri Samar Basu, Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana and Sri A. B. Patel consider all the suggestions made and report as early as possible what practical steps should be taken up to improve the working of World Union. The Committee was also asked to give consideration to the suggestion of coordination with other organizations and possible formation of All India Federation of Human Unity Associations. The members present were asked to send their suggestions in writing regarding the improvement of World Union and the possible formation of All India Federation of Human Unity Associations. These suggestions will be placed before the Committee. The members were also asked to send names and addresses of organizations working in India for human unity and world peace in order to enable World Union to contact them.

International Year for Human Brotherhood

The meeting was informed that Dr. P. N. Bindu, Secretary of World Union Hyderabad Centre, though 86 years old and not keeping good health but associated with the World Union Movement for many years, had suggested that the United Nations should be approached with a request to declare "International Year for Human Brotherhood" as it had in the past declared International Year for Cooperation, International Year for Women, International Year for the Child etc. The meeting approved the suggestion of Dr. Bindu and asked the General Secretary that an appropriate communication should be sent to the U. N. in this matter.

Forum for World Peace

Dr. R. M. Patel, Vice-Chancellor of the Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar.

Gujarat, writes that the "Forum for World Peace" shall be established and will have all its activities under the Faculty of Arts with its headquarters as Nalini-Arvind and T. V. Patel Arts College. The Forum shall be guided by a Board as per the guidelines given in a note by Sri M. P. Pandit. The Board has been constituted consisting of the following members: (1) Dr. R. M. Patel (Chairman), Vice-Chancellor, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar; (2) Dr. D. D. Jadeja (Secretary), Principal, Nalini-Arvind & T. V. Patel Arts College, Vallabh Vidyanagar; (3) Prof. S. V. Vaishnav (Member), Assistant Professor, Birla Vishvakarma Mahavidyalaya, Vallabh Vidyanagar; (4) Prof. D. S. Mishra (Member), Post-Graduate Department of English, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar; (5) Dr. R. M. Patel (Member), Deputy Director, Agro-Economic Research Centre, Vallabh Vidyanagar; (6) Shri P. C. Amin (Member), Lecturer in English, V. P. & R. P. T. P. Science College, Vallabh Vidyanagar; (7) Dr. Naliniben Amin, M.D. (Member), Eye Specialist, 'Kshitij', Bakrol Road, Vallabh Vidyanagar; and (8) Mrs. Ushaben D. Jadeja (Member) C/o Dr. D. D. Jadeja, Principal, Nalini-Arvind & T. V. Patel Arts College, Vallabh Vidyanagar.

The above Board shall co-opt additional members as and when necessary. It is hoped to start the functioning of the Forum from July 1979.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

North Calcutta Sri T. K. Sinha, the Secretary of the Centre, has sent a consolidated report of the Centre's 44th to 61st monthly meetings. In the 55th and 57th monthly meetings Sri M. P. Pandit, the Chairman of World Union, had presided. The proceedings of all the meetings are interesting but as it refers a period now completely out of date, we do not propose to publish reports. In the 61st monthly meeting held on the 19th April 1979 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on "Sri Aurobindar Jibon O Sadhana", "The Mother", and "Life and Sadhana of the Mother". On behalf of the Centre Sri T. K. Sinha invited members of all World Union Centres and friends from all like minded organizations to participate in the following Regular Programme of North Calcutta Centre at the Hall "New Dawn" 18A Ramdhone Mitra Lane, Calcutta 700004 (second floor); (i) monthly seminar on the 20th of every month at 7:00 P.M.; (ii) monthly Study Circle on every second Saturday of the month at 7:00 P.M. on "Savitri" conducted by P. P. Bhattacharya; (iii) Weekly Circle on every Sunday at 6:30 P.M. when reading and discussion for Swadhyaya, manifesting programmes on music, art, literature, etc., and meditation from 7:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Calcutta Sri L. N. Datta, Secretary of the Centre, states that the members of his Centre would be very glad to extend all possible cooperation and assistance to make the Sixth Triennial Conference at New Delhi a grand success. The Centre proposes to formulate necessary plans and programmes on the various economic projects like setting up Cottage and Small Scale Industries, Community Services Centres, Travel Services, etc., through its

World Union Forum for Economic Research and Development and also World Union Cultural and Economic Council etc. The Centre has taken an initiation to set up a Cottage Industry named "Priti Knitcrafts" duly regarded as a S. S. I. Unit by the Government of West Bengal, for production of Woollen Knitwares by machine, Jute Bags, and other articles.

Uttarpara The Darshan Day—24th April was observed in a befitting manner at the house of Sri Manindra N. Halder at 7:00 P.M. After group concentration and offering of flowers to the lotus feet of the Mother—Shri S. K. Gupta took the chair. Devotional songs were offered by Nabanita and Banani. Km. Shampa spoke on the significance of the day and read out a few lines from the writings of the Mother. Shri M. N. Halder explained the four-fold powers of the Mother with which she has been working for the transformation of this terrestrial existence.

Shri S. K. Gupta in his presidential address spoke in a very impressive way about the circumstances under which the Mother came in contact with Sri Aurobindo and how she created the Ashram. 24th April would be treated in the spiritual history of mankind as the day of laying of the foundation stone to erect a bridge between terrestrial and transcendental.

Bhandarhati The first meeting of this Centre was held on 15.4.79 at 9:30 A.M. at the premises of Sree Ma Nursery and Kindergarten School, Bhandarhati. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Vice-President of West Bengal Regional Centre was the Chief Speaker who delivered one hour's lecture on the Mother, Sri Aurobindo and their Yoga after an introductory speech by Sree Purna Chandra Auddy, Chairman of the Centre.

Baranagar The Centre's monthly meeting was held on the 6th May 1979 under the Chairmanship of Smt. Juiphul Roy, with the opening Sitar music by Sri Mantra Bhattacharya with the accompaniment of Tabla by Sri Sankha Bhattacharya. In the memory of Raja Mahendra Pratap a period of silence was observed. Sri Purnendu Prasad discussed the theme of the ensuing World Union Day—20th August and Sixth World Conference of November. Sri Parimal Chakraborty spoke on the pursuits of music, art and poetry as perfect education for the soul and Sri Dhiren Bose spoke in support. Sri Pradip Kumar Das and Sri Samir Banerjee proposed to prepare a one-act play similar to "The Little Man" of Galsworthy for staging. Sri Debendra Nath Roy has offered his cooperation in this venture.

Kamarkundu On 1st May 1979 the Centre organized a camp at Baijnath Shaw College, Kamarkundu, for training members to form core-groups to carry on the work for ratification campaign of "A Constitution for the Federation of Earth" and signature campaign in support of Shri H. V. Kamath's Private Bill. It also conducted dialogue between members and speakers on "World Union & Universal Consciousness" and "World Union the next step of Human Evolution". The camp started at 9:30 A.M. and was conducted by Sri Samar Basu.

In the afternoon at 4:00 P.M. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee participated in the dialogue session. Members of Baranagar, Rishra, Konnagar, Uttarpara, Ashokenagar, Kamarkundu Centres and a few others attended. It was decided that similar camps and dialogues be organised in other areas of the state.

Patel Nagar (Muzaffarnagar) The Centre celebrated 24th April solemnly and with devotion befitting the purpose and sanctity of the occasion at the house of Sri Vishnu Kant Gupta. At the outset Sri Sant Ram gave one Blessing packet of the Mother to Smt. Sushila Rani. After a devotional song by Tape Recorder and group concentration, Smt. Sushila Rani read out selected portions from "Words of the Mother". Sri Sant Ram explained the aims and objects of World Union. Several interested persons and some children attended the meeting.

Rishra The monthly meeting was held on 18.4.79 at 5:30 P.M. at the house of Sri K. P. Dutta the Chairman. The meeting commenced with group concentration. Thereafter Sri Samar Basu spoke on Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya elaborately described "The Gita" as expounded by Sri Aurobindo.

Monthly meetings of the Centre will be held on 2nd Wednesday of every month. A special Study Circle will be opened immediately. In the meeting held on 25.4.79 seven Office-Bearers were selected for 1979-80 including Sri Kanai Prasad Dutta as Chairman and Sri Bhabatosh Chakravorty as General Secretary.

Poona Members met at the residence of Smt. Kamalini Bedekar on 11th March to elect a new Chairman and discuss Sri M. P. Pandit's visit in the first week of April 1979. The meeting commenced with prayers in English and Sanskrit. Then Mrs. Bedekar gave an account and her impressions about her visit to Calcutta for the Second National Convention and at Sri Lanka for the World Constituent Assembly—Third Session as she was the only person to visit both from Poona Branch. Mr. Nagaraj, the Secretary presented a survey of the activities of Poona Centre and told the meeting as to why Mrs. Driver, Chairperson wished to resign. He introduced the new Chairman Mr. J. J. Nanavati, a professor from Wadia College. After him Mr. Nanavati and Mrs. Driver spoke about Sri Aurobindo and World Union. As Sri Pandit was ill the Centre was informed not to fix any programme. The meeting ended with Shanti Mantra and prasad.

The visit of Sri M. P. Pandit from 2nd upto 9th April 1979

When Sri M. P. Pandit came to Poona on 2nd April in the morning by air he had high fever and had to be on complete rest for a day. Thereafter he was quite well and could give his best during programmes in Poona.

In the morning of the 3rd April he came to the Navaraji Wadia College for the Seminar on "Sri Aurobindo", where he was specially invited for inauguration and presided over as the Chief Guest. Dr. R. D. Bhattacharya the head of the Department of Philosophy arranged a Seminar for two days from 9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. with a coffee break. The subjects chosen were Educational ideas and Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo on the 3rd April; and creative works and spiritual teachings of Sri Aurobindo on the 4th April. On the 5th and 6th April Sri Pandit gave a most educative and illuminating talk at the residence of Shri Vithalbhai Patel in the evening on "Savitri", a legend and symbol, by Sri Aurobindo.


On the 7th April he gave a talk in the evening on "Can Spirituality Remove or Reduce Tensions from the People of the Business World?". It was arranged at the Institute of Business Management and Research. In the morning of the 8th April Sri Pandit paid a visit to all

ee Sri Aurobindo Centres in Poona. World Union Centre, Sri Aurobindo Society and Sri Aurobindo Circle arranged a talk at the School named "Dyanaprobodhini" on "World Union Movement and Forums for Peace";—on the 8th April in the evening at 6:00 P.M. All the meetings were very well arranged and attended in view of the short notice. Many eminent people took part and posed questions. Sri Pandit left Poona for Bombay by air in the morning on the 9th April.

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Because God is invincibly great, He can afford to be weak;
because He is immutably pure, He can indulge with impunity in
sin; He knows eternally all delight, therefore He tastes also the
delight of pain; He is inalienably wise, therefore He has not
debarred Himself from folly.

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There must be a vigilant endeavour to replace competition by cooperation, conflict by collaboration, the spirit of combat and domination by the spirit of genuine peaceful co-existence and prejudice by an effort to understand the other man's point of view. We must try to follow what has been said by great prophets, spiritual leaders and philosophers from beginning of time and strive to think, speak and act in conformity with truth. Thus we can make our humble contribution to the orderly and onward march of the evolution of the human race amidst complexities, obscurities and anxieties of the present time.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

World Constituent Assembly at Colombo River of Destiny Project

The third session of the World Constituent Assembly, convened by World Constitution and Parliament Association of USA and organized by its Sri Lanka Branch met at Colombo, Sri Lanka, from the 29th December 1978 to the 6th January 1979. Among the Commissions appointed by the Assembly, there was one on "Strategy" of which Commission Helen Tucker of Canada was the Chairman and Klaus Thakur-Schlichtmann of West Germany and Tharyan Abraham of India were Secretaries. The first part of the Report of the Strategy Commission was published in May 1979 Focus. In this Focus is published the Statement by Klaus Thakur-Schlichtmann, entitled Establishment of a Peaceful and Just World-Law and Order, the aim: (A Cooperative and Development Project in Central and South Asia: 'The River-Of-Destiny-Project for World Unification'), and the second part of the Report.

The Statement reads: "Various NGO's (Non-Governmental Organizations) are collaborating in a scheme to avert Global Catastrophe, i. e., THE GLOBAL EMERGENCY, as I understand it. The 'World Constitution and Parliament Association' is conducting a Ratification Campaign for a *Model World Constitution*, adopted at the 2nd WORLD CONSTITUENT

ASSEMBLY at Innsbruck by a number of NGO'S, in 1977. It is believed that the 'anarchy among nations' can only be controlled through International Law backed by a **WORLD GOVERNMENT**.

At the 3rd World Constituent Assembly, convened by the World Constitution and Parliament Association in Colombo / Sri Lanka from December 29th to 6th January 1979, a resolution has been adopted to promote a unique *development project* as a strategy towards world unification.

It was former West-German Chancellor Willy Brandt, present Chairman of the Independent Commission on International Development Issues (ICIDI) and President of the Socialist Internationale, who has repeatedly pointed out that "development aid has become a new dimension of peace politics".

However, if we are to build the World Tomorrow, where our children can live in peace, to prosper and equally and freely enjoy the fruits of nature, it is necessary to adopt a programme of action, a constructive economic plan, that will move the people, politicians and scientists, and to which all peoples and nations can contribute, and in which they can participate.

Such a project has also been envisaged by the famous American futurologist R. Buckminster Fuller, who has said:

"Thinking in the longest time and biggest way about India's problems and India's needs, it becomes dramatically clear that the number one long—distance project to be immediately undertaken and continually served until completion is the building of a North to South chain of great canals and reservoirs leading the waters of the Himalayas southward all the way to the southern tongue of India. The waters that can be impounded in the highlands to produce vast energy generating dams whose waterhead can render India the most favourably energy-served areas in the world while also flowing its water under controlled conditions to all of its fertile fields." (R.B. Fuller in a forward to 'This or else. . .' by Dinshaw J. Dastur, Jaico Publishing House, Bombay).

In 1971/72 a United Nations team of experts evaluated the subcontinental irrigation and canalisation project, combining, besides irrigation for food production, hydroelectric power generation and navigation. India, where under favourable conditions rice can be harvested three times a year, may become the planet's 'bread basket', at the same time providing employment to large numbers of people.

With 1/7th of the world's population, and half of all the world's children suffering from malnutrition living in India today, if the world community cannot provide even the most basic needs of this 1/7th of humanity and create a climate and conditions to help establish the New International Economic order, a competent World Court of Law and Democratic World Government, to stop the Arms Race, outlaw War, and re-establish the ecological balance, all efforts towards Justice, Peace and Progress will remain fruitless.

Implementation of the project will require *global collaboration, planetary planning and a transnational investment policy*. The creation of a New International Economic order, establishment of a binding international Court of Law, and a democratic World Government will be inevitable to bring about Freedom, Prosperity and Peace for all Mankind. An understanding of the Law of the Reversal of Tendencies will lead to a new atmosphere

of natural trust and collaboration among nations and peoples.

The 'River of Destiny Project for World Unification', adopted by the 3rd World Constituent Assembly is a strategy, and a commitment to raise public consciousness, and to approach individuals, organisations, governments, and the United Nations to collaborate in the scheme. 'The River of Destiny Project' is only a beginning. Its cost had in 1971 been estimated at 4 billion dollars, which is about 1% of the world's annual military expenditures today.

Other projects will follow inevitably or be simultaneously implemented, such as the 'Sinkiang Base Project' or connecting night and day in a single intercontinental power grid coordinating the electrical generating capacity of Russia, China and the Americas, etc.

I very much wish I could get a fraction of those 1/10th of 1% of military expenditures to be set aside for the purpose of disarmament, as suggested by U. N. Secretary General Dr. Kurt Waldheim, to cover atleast my printing costs for continuing to propagate the Law of the Reversal of Tendencies I discovered some time ago.*

OR. Buckminster Fuller : '... we must consider a North-South world bound together across the North Pole. Right over the Pole from the Americas are the Soviet Union and China. The technology of ultrahigh-voltage electrical transmission makes it possible to connect, Russia, China and the Americas into a single gigantic power grid. This grid would connect day and night; at one time or another, 50 percent of our electrical generating capacity is not working, but with day and night connected in an intercontinental grid, we suddenly discover that our generating capacity has been doubled'. (NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, Vol. 150, No. 1, July 1976)

*Dr. Kurt Waldheim, U. N. Secretary General : 'My suggestion was to establish a long-term goal for the international community to set aside one-thousandth of the resources spent on armaments for the purpose of disarmament. With the resources thus released, some countries may wish to strengthen their own disarmament education or information activities; others might increase their peace research capacity and others might decide to further the work of international organizations.' (Disarmament Times, No. 30, Friday, 30 June 1978).

The second part of Strategy Commission Report reads :

The River of Destiny Project for World Unification, Peace and Progress through Cooperation

1. On the Indian Sub-continent

The Indian Sub-continent, comprising in its ultra-maximum circumference central and South India, the Indus-Ganga-Brahmaputra plains and the great Himalaya, Baluchistan, the Hindukush and Pamir mountain ranges, the Takla Makan desert bordered by the Tien Shan mountains in the north and the Kunlun Mountains in the South, Tibet and Burma, is of unique ecological importance for the whole planet. Traditionally India has been variously called the 'Cradle of Culture', Dharma Kumbha, the 'Motherland', Matribhumi, the 'Root Country', Mulabhumi, the 'Original Paradise', Nandankanon and the 'Land of Action', Karmabhumi. Sri

Aurobindo, who was besides Mahatma Gandhi the greatest spiritual leader modern India has produced, called her 'The Heart of the Orient'.

India is as distant from Japan as it is from Italy and Greece. China in the East is as far as Mesopotamia in the West. There is historical evidence that the people of the Indus Valley Civilization of Mohenjodaro and Harappa traded with Egypt. It is very likely that trade-links of equal antiquity, dating back to about 3000 B.C. existed between India, China and Java. Both the inhabitants of the Indus Valley and the inhabitants of Bengal were famous for their skill in navigation. Almost surrounded by water, with the Arabian Sea in the West, the Bay of Bengal in the East and the Indian Ocean in the South, India's situation is ideal for development of fishing industries, cultivation of ocean resources and marine trade. It was Arnold Toynbee who said: 'Indians were the first marines to establish trade with the world'.

Throughout the history of the world, this, India has been known for her culture and wealth. No doubt, between India and the world there existed -- always, ideally, a mutual relationship of complementary give and take. Even after agricultural and economic piracy and political warfare had long reduced Mongolia, Persia and the Sahara to phantom deserts, India still retained its super-abundant nature and wealth: The Great Indian Desert came into existence only with and after the discovery of the American continent and arrival of the first European in India.

Although its population density is almost equal to that of Europe, China and the American West coast, the Indian continent has the advantage that its land can be cultivated throughout the year. There is practically no piece of land, that cannot produce some crop or other at least once a year. With the availability of water everywhere throughout the year, the subcontinent will become the 'food basket' of the world: it is the cradle of agriculture even today, its variety of raw materials and natural resources which are exported is astounding. Cashewnuts, coconuts, peanuts, oils, fish, meat, tea, coffee, jute, spices, sugar, rubber, cotton, alcohol, long corn rice, silk and pearls, as well as iron, graphite, manganese, copper, mica and bauxite are exported to earn foreign exchange for purchasing technological know-how and machinery to help develop and establish the country's industry and technological and economical independence in order to be able to compete with other countries in the international market. Whatever India has achieved in the fields of science, technology and industry has been made possible only by the selfless suffering sacrifice of the people. This is an incomparably high price, and there are still many people, even in India, who are not quite aware of the facts even today.

It is quite natural that Indian trade extended beyond the western controlled 'white market' economical set-up. It is however to be expected that with the industrially, 'cemented' emancipation of the Third World countries the 'black market' will cease to exist or become absorbed into the new international economic order, to contribute to the present process of the emancipation of humanity into a new order and time.

2. The Plan

With 1/7th of the world's population and half of all the world's children suffering from malnutrition living in India, if we can solve the Indian problem, it will be the beginning for

solving the problems of the world. Mr. Montague Yudelman, a key World Bank official and Director of Agricultural and Rural Development has recognized, among others, the need and importance of an expansion of the country's irrigation works to help solve the food problem. He says: "There is absolutely no doubt, South Asia can be self sufficient taking into account efforts to increase productivity per acre, double cropping and all the rest of it". Similarly, Dr. K. L. Rao, a former Indian Union Minister for Irrigation, believes that inter-linking of rivers, starting with the Ganges is a necessity to solve the country's food problem. In 1971/72 a United Nations team of experts evaluated the subcontinental irrigation and canalization project, combining irrigation, hydro-electric power generation and navigation. The cost of the project was estimated at 4 Billion dollars, which is about 1% of the world's annual military expenditures today.

Buckminster Fuller, the famous American futurologist, in his foreword to a recent book 'This or Else' by Dinshaw J. Dastur, says:

"Thinking in the longest time and biggest way about India's problems and India's need's, it becomes dramatically clear that the number one long-distance project to be immediately undertaken and continually served until completion is the building of a north to south chain of great canals and reservoirs leading the waters of the Himalayas southward all the way to the southern tongue of India. The waters that can be impounded in the highlands to produce vast energy generating dams whose waterhead can render India the most favourable energy-served areas in the world while also flowing its water under controlled conditions to all of its fertile fields".

According to Dr. K. L. Rao, drought areas in India today are located in four regions: the drought region in the Ganges basin itself, a few districts of Orissa and West Bengal, Rajasthan and Gujarat regions which account for one third of the country's arid area, and the peninsular area below the river Tapti in Maharashtra.

With its 14 major rivers, 44 medium rivers and numerous minor rivers, India's biggest water resources are located in the Ganga and Brahmaputra basins, each yielding about 500 million cubic metres annually. The total annual average quantity of water in the river systems and the exploitable underground sources is 1900 million cubic metres.

According to Dr. Rao again, the most important link will be that of the Ganga and Cauvery, linking enroute the Sone, Narmada, the Tapti, Godavari, Krishna and Pennar. The Ganga-Cauvery link involves lifting of the waters of the Ganges to a height of 300/400 metres by constructing a barrage near Patna, to serve the drought areas of U.P. and Bihar. In addition, water will be pumped from the central plateau of India to the dry areas of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

A barrage of Dhubhri on the Brahmaputra and a 300 km canal will help divert surplus waters of the Brahmaputra to the Ganges, benefitting Bangla Desh also. Water from Navagam on the Narmada in Gujarat could be fed to Kutch and the Luni basis in western Rajasthan. Surplus flood waters of the Narmada could be fed into the system at this point, lowering the draw from the Ganges.

Another link will help utilise the waters of the Chambal across the Aravalli mountain ranges in Ajmir and central Rajasthan. Another link to be considered is of the rivers of the western ghats for serving the rainshadow areas in the eastern part of the subcontinent,

canalising wasteful monsoon season flow; Mahanadi shall have to be linked to serve drought areas upto Vamsadhara.

Apart from Irrigation, canalisation will also be used for *navigation and the generation of hydroelectric energy*. As to the navigation, it is clear that a national water grid over and across the length and breadth of India, will greatly enhance transport facilities in the country. The problem of floods will also be solved by river linking.

The power potential of the Ganga basin in the Himalayas is estimated at 10,000 megawatts, and extensive tunnels and dams are being built for the generation hydroelectric energy to feed a state-wide grid.

A project of this magnitude cannot be implemented and carried out without *international cooperation*. The Strategy Commission (D) has proposed to the 3rd World Constituent Assembly, held in Sri Lanka from December 29th 1978 to January 6th 1979 to take up this project, publicise, discuss and promote it as a vehicle for advancement of the ratification campaign for the Constitution for the Federation of Earth to unite all nations and peoples.

The Strategy Commission has come to the conclusion that the Indian subcontinent is ideally suited, as we have seen, to fulfil the conditions for implementation of a constructive plan of action that will involve all peoples and nations on all levels. As the United Nations, multinational corporations and national governments will take up the idea and the young and old from all over the world will contribute their knowledge, skills and labour to cooperate with the Government and the peoples of India, working in the construction of canals to link rivers of India and to combat the advancing desert, they will, through our effort, spread the idea of world citizenship and world law, justice and order through world government. As more peoples and nations get involved, simultaneous with the execution of the project, the campaign for the ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, accompanying the movement will experience a tremendous acceleration in the process. This applies also to the project itself, which may be completed within a short period of time.

The Strategy Commission believes that, if the assembly will adopt this resolution as put forward in our report, the delegates can carry this message to the United Nations, the governments of India, Sri Lanka, Bangla Desh and Pakistan and to all national governments to get their support. The Strategy Commission therefore moves that the 3rd World Constituent Assembly adopt a resolution to accept this project as a strategy towards ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, to take up India as a host country, and to envisage the creation of the new Garden of Eden on the subcontinent as a nucleus for the development of the New Age Global Village. This garden will be heritage of all mankind, and all peoples and all nations will collaborate in its creation. This is but the beginning, and the ratification campaign for the Constitution for the Federation of Earth is its accompanying feature.

Simultaneous and following the accomplishment of this project similar projects may also be undertaken in other countries.

This project will generate a spirit of collaboration, a common purpose and good will among all peoples and nations to uplift the whole of humanity. Having the power and magnitude to spread and cover the entire earth, it is the core of our destiny, from which the global village will emerge. World Government, Law and Order, Freedom, Prosperity and Peace will be its natural outcome.

**Some Strategy Points and Aspects pertaining to the
RIVER OF DESTINY PROJECT FOR WORLD UNIFICATION
(‘Five Years to change Course’)**

A. Implementation Aspects of the Project

1. Irrigation for Food Production.
2. Navigation for Transport.
3. Generation of Hydroelectric Power.
4. Solving of Unemployment Problem.
5. International Cooperation.

B. Accompanying Features

1. Promotion of U.N. World Citizens Movement through distribution of World Citizens Identity Cards to facilitate World Parliament Elections.
2. Ratification Campaign for the Constitution for the Federation of Earth.
3. Participation of Women’s Universal Movement.
4. Education Program, including family planning and welfare, Community Development etc.
5. Mobile Free University
6. Takla Makan (East Turkestan, Sinkiang) Communications, Surveillance and Weather Satellite Program.

C. Necessities

1. Finance
2. Technology
3. Labour
4. Volunteer Participation.

D. Project Promotion Steps

1. WCPA, WCA and other world government oriented NGO’s approach and collaborate with the Government of India to implement the RIVER OF DESTINY PROJECT FOR WORLD UNIFICATION.
2. Present to and discuss the project among Chief Ministers of Indian Union.
3. Indian Government approach UNDP. World Bank and U. N. Special Fund for Development to support the project.
4. NGO’s, individuals, parliamentarians and the Association of Parliamentarians for World Order approach UN, national governments etc., to support the project.
5. Governments of India, Sri Lanka, Bangla Desh and Pakistan unite their efforts on common issue and approach UN and national governments to support the project.

6. Transnational and national corporation and Labour Unions are supporting and collaborating in the project.

WORLD SYMPOSIUM TECHNIQUES FOR PROMOTION OF THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATION OF EARTH

The Strategy Commission to submit suggestions for improving human relations in committee, conference and,

A. *Group Endeavour* as essential to *Ratification* of the Constitution;

1. *Cooperate* with like-minded, organized groups working for world government, such as: World Citizen Centres; Non-governmental Organizations (NGO's), national and international; (see Helen Tucker for lists of such groups)

2. *Person-to-Person Persuasion: Informed Speakers*; use symbols, stickers, signs; *Mass Media*: news posters, TV-Radio-Short Wave conversations and interviews (share information and communications); *Initiate Conversations; show knowledge and friendliness*

3. *Institutional Groups*: Churches, Schools, Labour Unions, Professional Associations, Service Clubs and Groups, Senior Citizens, Sports, Students, Colleges and Universities.

4. Peace Groups and Women's Organizations.

B. Specific Situation

1. Support Mr. Kamath's Bill in the Indian Parliament.

2. Relate to *Parliamentarians for World Order* — members of parliament in all countries can join.

3. Use *common symbols* for *World Citizens Ceremonies*, as done in Sri Lanka for World Constituent Assembly: SOUND AND LIGHT: blow conch shell and pipes; beat drums; light oil lamps.

Personal

4. All person in *speaking* role in conferences: *Learn* to use the microphone well and *speak clearly; listen* with and *speak* with *respect and consideration for others*.

5. Work in Committee and groups with *preparation; respect time schedules; use time and energy efficiently*. Know the roles of chairpersons, secretaries and participants.

6. Be honest and open in attitude—always respectful and kind.

U. N. International Year of the Child—1979

Plan Programs in local communities around *World Citizenship* for children in the *World Community*.

Finally: Use *Human Energy* and *Human Resources*; Trust yourself and others; *Create a New Age of Justice, Freedom, Goodwill*.

Sixth Triennial World Union World Convention

Those who propose to attend the Convention at New Delhi from 23-27 November 1979 as delegates, participants or observers are requested to note that rail concession is available and all concerned have to apply for it to Shri Gurudeep Manocha, World Union International Delhi Centre, A-1/57 Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi 110016.

Executive Committee of World Union

At the Executive Committee of World Union held at Pondicherry on 23-4-79 Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya had suggested that the Conference be phased into four movements which will explore, the four sub-heads of the Theme for integration with the purpose of evoking, sharing, clarifying, the possibilities in details.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Eastern Region As suggested by the Executive Committee of the W. C. P. A., Local, Chapter, West Bengal, the Coordinator of the World Union in the Eastern Region, convened a Conference of members of World Union in that region, on Sunday the 13th May, 1979 at the hall of "New Dawn" at 11A Ramdhone Mitra Lane, Calcutta, at 4-00 P.M. Dr. G. R. Mitra, Chairman, World Union Asansol Centre, presided. The Conference commenced with the MOTHER'S tape recorded music and group concentration. The Coordinator welcomed the members attending from different parts of West Bengal and Bihar and thereafter in his introductory address he elucidated the reasons for which the Conference was convened.

On being asked by the Chair the Coordinator read out a few salient points of the proceedings of the 3rd Session of the World Constituent Assembly, held in Colombo Sri Lanka and clarified the circumstances under which the "Rationale for World Constituent Assembly" were adopted by the Assembly. He also explained the significance of the appeal made by the Assembly to the National Parliaments all over the world. The importance of Shri H. V. Kamath's Bill and the spirit in which the Assembly recognized the bold step taken by Shri Kamath for the progress of the movement were also made clear to the members by the Coordinator.

He then requested Shri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya to discuss matters relating to the formation of Core-Groups to carry out the work of ratification and 'Signature Campaign' as recommended by the Commissions on Ratification. Thereupon Shri Bhattacharya explained the necessity for forming such Core - Groups. Immediate necessity was for getting the Constitution ratified by Universities and Colleges and Town Committees and Village communities and the remote necessity was for making the people aware of their responsibility in

in setting up a 'World Government by electing fittest persons in the House of Peoples and the House of Counsellors'.

Dr. B. N. Baral suggested that for that purpose the member-workers were to undergo effective training. It was, therefore, decided that the whole-day training camp to be conducted on the 10th June 1979 as suggested by Dr. Arun Sil at the early stage of the Conference, be utilised to train such member-workers. Dr. Sil, Chairman of World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal, spoke on the project of the whole-day camp and answered a few questions raised by members on the project. Prof. K. C. Pal also explained the necessity for forming the Core-Groups.

Dr. G. R. Mitra in his presidential address quoted from his memory the message given by the Mother on 1.1.73 (Her last NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE) — "If you are conscious of the whole world at the same time, then you can become conscious of the Divine" and explained in a very lucid way the significance of the message. He emphasised that the present-day crises all over the world were sure indications of the changes that were due to take place for the preparation of the world to take the next evolutionary step. So, whether men liked it or not, a World State would surely come into being. He welcomed the project and wished it success. He also agreed to publish Sri Samar Basu's article (in Bengali) on KAMATH'S BILL in his "News Bulletin" — "KATHA BALO" and send the copies to all the Centres in West Bengal and Bihar. As he was to return to his place (far away from Calcutta), he left the Conference requesting Shri Bhattacharya to carry on the remaining agenda. Sri Samar Basu suggested that a "World Union Annual" "VISWA MILAN" (in Bengali) might be published on the 15th August and released on the World Union Day each year by the World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal. His suggestion was approved by the house with applause and it was decided that the 'first issue' be published this year on the occasion of World Union Day to be observed on the 19th August, 1979.

The meeting ended at 7:15 P.M. with a vote of thanks to the Chair. Sri Susanto Mitra entertained the members with tea and snacks.

Regional Centre – West Bengal World Citizenship Training Programme was observed on 10th June 1979 in the Scouts Tent, Calcutta Maidan, as decided by the World Union Regional Centre in its executive meeting held on 20th May 1979. The Chairman, Dr. Arun Sil conducted the programme and Sri Samar Basu, Coordinator, Eastern Region, Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Secretary, West Bengal, and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Vice-Chairman, West Bengal, initiated the Seminars held from 9:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. with tea and lunch break.

Bangalore A condolence meeting was arranged on 3.6.79 to mourn the sad and sudden demise of Col. A.M. Kadkol, a distinguished member of the Centre, which was attended among many others by his son Arun and other relatives. Messages of condolence received from the Governor of Karnataka, Sri Govind Narayan, the Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka, Sri M. P. Pandit, Chairman, World Union International Centre, Pondicherry, and other men of eminence were read out and a minute's silence was observed to pray for the departed soul. A brief memoir had been prepared and read out on the occasion by Sri Ba. Na.

Sundara Rao, a noted Journalist, and author (also member of Bangalore Centre) who happens to be a close friend of Col. A.M. Kadkol and who had brought out the deeds of valour, bravery and courage of the distinguished soldier on many battlefields, in an article in his book "Karnatakada Veera-Yodharu", The Brave Soldiers of Karnataka.

The monthly meeting was also held on 3.6.79 when Prof. S. Ramakrishnan, Professor of Mathematics of Gujarat University (Retd). spoke on "The Universe and the Earth". He gave a scholarly account of the entire universe, the various planets including the sun and the moon and said that with all our exploration to reach out to the planets, it would be better if we could learn to live as members of One Family believing in the axiomatic truth of unity in diversity. The meeting was presided over by Sri Thandaveswara and vote of thanks proposed by the Secretary Sri M. K. Rameswaram who also introduced the speaker to the audience.

In the Annual General Meeting held on 14.4.79, an Executive Committee of nine members was elected. This included Sri Thandaveswara as President, Sri M. K. Rameswaram and Smt. Bhuvaneshwari Ramaswamy as Secretaries and Sri H. K. Shantavearappa as Treasurer—and also two ex-officio members.

In the monthly meeting held on 6.5.79 Smt. S. K. Lakshmi M.A., delivered a very interesting and learned lecture on 'Transmigration of Souls'. As the subject is considered to be of special interest in the present day context of changing values, many members, including the President, expressed a desire that this talk be published in the 'World Union' journal.

New Alipore In the weekly gathering on 10th May, 1979 Sri Tinkari Banerjee of Sri Aurobindo Ashram was invited to give a musical recital. In view of a number of new comers, the Secretary, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee initially introduced the World Union movement. He explained that in this era of turmoil, disorder and chaos all around, one cannot keep aloof. People must develop a global outlook to solve any problem and this needs a widening of one's consciousness. The whole room was vibrant with the melodious tune of Sri Tinkari Banerjee who recited about a dozen devotional songs.

On 17th May 1979, Smt. Amita Chatterjee, a disciple of Maharshi Mahesh Yogi—was invited to talk on Transcendental Meditation and creative intelligence. She explained that the technique is very simple and can be practised by anybody. The idea is to reach the source of thought by holding a string amongst various strings of thought and gradually moving without when ultimately the absolute silence and bliss is reached. This is not done by concentration or devotion, rather it is a way of knowledge. The Mind gets cleared of its stresses and the physical ailment like insomnia, blood pressure etc., are benefitted by this method if practised properly.

On 31st May 1979 a slide show of the "Activities of Sri Aurobindo Ashram" was arranged with the help of 'Sri Aurobindo's Action'. Besides the members, many others with their children gathered on the occasion. Dance and musical recital were presented by the children's section with the guidance of Smt. Mira Mukherjee, before the show. Sri Kumar Mukhopadhyay explained vividly each slide in his usual poetic style which charmed everybody.

On 27th May 1979 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee presided over the grand annual function of

the R. S. S. (South Section) held in New Alipure park. On that occasion Dr. Mukherjee spoke on nationalism in the light of Sri Aurobindo's philosophy. He explained what is Dharma which has an exoteric and esoteric parts. It is the exoteric which is the cause of all fanaticism and religious wars but the real essence is esoteric which leads us towards the ultimate reality—when all religion is the same. In this connection he mentioned the three mantras of Buddha—"Buddham Saranam Gachchmi, Dharmam Saranam Gachchami and Sangham Saranam Gachchami". He also expounded the five dreams of Sri Aurobindo with special emphasis on the 3rd dream in the present situation and the importance of the truth of spirit in everything.

Mira Mukherjee has recently started a children's section with a few school boys in the Centre. They have named it themselves as "Black Diamond Brigade". Here the children do everything on their own according to their taste. They sing, play, draw pictures, talk about great men, exchange look amongst themselves etc. They meet thrice a week in the Centre.

Konnagar The monthly meeting of this Centre was held on the 25th May 1979 at 'Sakti Sangha' at 6.30 P.M. Sri Shyam Sundar Basu presided. After opening song offered by Kumari Mala Chakraborty and group concentration. Sri Samar Basu spoke on "World Union and Sri Aurobindo". He pointed out a few salient features of the movement as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo in his "The Ideal of Human Unity".

Thereafter, Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, Secretary, West Bengal Regional Centre, discussed 'world unity' in the light of Sri Aurobindo's philosophy. The meeting ended at about 8.15 P.M.

North Calcutta The 61st monthly meeting of World Union North Calcutta Centre, commenced on 19th April, 1979 at 7:00 P.M. at New Dawn, 18A Ramdhone Mitra Lane, Calcutta 700004, with Sri Susanto Mitra in the Chair. After devotional offering, group concentration and reading of hymns etc., Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, the Guest Speaker, spoke on "Life and Sadhana of the Mother", expounding the role of the Mother in the next step in evolution and formation of a new Society in this earth. He also referred to the Ten Avatars in various steps of evolution as depicted in Purana—and explained the significance of the symbolic aspects of "Kalki Avatar". Sri Aurobindo visualised this new society and knew that it can manifest in this earth only by the decent of the Supreme power represented by the Mother whom he described as "The mighty stranger in the human field" in his book "Savitri". The Mother wanted some perfect instruments with complete surrender to the Divine so that her power can work through them to establish the Divine Life on this earth. In her 'Prayers and Meditation' she taught us how to become such instruments. She worked for the spiritual transformation of this material world, when only the idea of ONE WORLD will be realised fully on this earth.

The meeting terminated at 9-00 P. M. after group concentration.

Uttar Pradesh This Centre organised a series of meetings from May 2 to May 10, 1979 which were addressed by Sri Chandradip and Sri C. N. Sherma of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry. On May 2, Sri Chandradip addressed a meeting of the students of

Faculty of Education, Lucknow University. He explained to the students and the teachers the nature of Sri Aurobindo's Yoga and its relevance in modern times. Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal in his presidential remark emphasised the need for integral development of the individual leading to oneness of mankind.

In cooperation with Sri Aurobindo Society, Lucknow, a meeting was held in the evening of May 6, under the Presidentship of Sri Banarsi Das, Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal introduced Sri Chandradip and Sri C. N. Sharma to the audience and said that Sri Aurobindo and the Mother have ushered in a new era for the mankind. Sri Chandradip spoke about the Mother and her message. Sri C. N. Sharma emphasised the need for developing global outlook. The Chief Minister, Sri Banarsi Das in his Presidential remark thanked the speakers for their illuminating speeches and assured the members of his full cooperation in spreading the message of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

On May 7, a meeting was held in the Prakashan Kendra, the premier publishers in Lucknow, where Sri Chandradip and Sri C. N. Sharma explained the need for integral purity and service to mankind. On May 8, two meetings were held, one in the afternoon in the campus of the Lucknow University and the other in the evening at the residence of Mr. Srivastava in Mahanagar.

On May 9, a meeting was held at 'Nanak Kutir', Rajendra Nagar in which Sri Chandradip spoke on the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. On May 10, a meeting was held in 'Saket', Mausam Bagh, the residence of World Union member Sri S. G. Misra, which was presided over by Sri G. P. Pandey, Vice-Chancellor of Lucknow University.

All in all the visit of Sri Chandradip to Lucknow at the invitation of Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, the Coordinator, World Union, Northern Zone, was very successful for it enabled elite of the city to know something about the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and the next future.

Alambazar The meeting was held on 27.5.79 at 6.00 P.M. at 52/5 Vidyayatan Sarani, Calcutta 700035. It was presided by Sri Dharani Kanta Bhattacharjee who has unanimously chosen as the Chairman of the Centre in place of Dr. N. R. Karmakar who was not able to take active part. The meeting commenced with devotional songs.

In view of certain problems the members present considered it advisable that New Centres should be processed through the Regional Office. Thereafter the Secretary requested the members to join in numbers the "World Citizenship Training Camp" which has to be held on 10th June 1979 from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., at Boy Scout Tent, Calcutta.

The Chairman, thereafter, explained about the importance and significance of the observance of the World Union Day to be held on 19th August 1979 at Kamarkundu. An annual publication 'VISWA MILAN' is proposed to be brought out on this occasion and the subject matter of the Seminar would be 'Child as World Citizen'. The Chairman also told the members that the 6th Triennial Conference was going to be held from 23rd to 27th November 1979 at New Delhi during the next session of the Parliament in an endeavour to draw the attention of the government to the importance of the Shri H. V. Kamath's Bill when, it was expected, that a galaxy of eminent people from different walks of life would participate. Meanwhile, we have got to be prepared to start signature campaign in favour of the said Bill.

Uttarpara The 69th monthly Seminar of this Centre was held on the 19th May '79 at Amarendra Vidyapith at 6:00 P.M. to pay homage to Rabindranath Tagore on the occasion of his 118th Birth anniversary day, when Sri S. K. Gupta presided.

Prof. Buddhadev Chakrabarty attended the Seminar as the guest speaker and spoke on "SWADESHI YUGA AND RABINDRANATH". In his learned speech he explained how "Bande Mataram" a poem or a prayer-song composed by Bankim Chandra became a 'Mantra' during the Swadeshi Movement and Rabindranath's role in the movement. Besides 'Bande Mataram' a large number of songs were composed and sung by Rabindranath and many revolutionaries during those days. Incidentally he remarked that during Swadeshi Yuga Rabindranath and Sri Aurobindo came very close to each other. Prof. Chakrabarty also depicted a few very memorable events that took place during that period of history.

Km. Indrani Ghosh's solo programme on devotional songs of Rabindranath was very impressive and enchanting. Nabanita, Banani and Shampa also offered Rabindra Sangeet of Swadeshi Yuga in chorus. Sri Samar Basu read out his "Salutation to the Great Soul" in Bengali at the very outset of the Seminar. He also discussed matters relating to Sri Aurobindo on Rabindranath's translation of his own lyrics.

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SPECIAL NOTE:

In this issue, two additional items are published which will be available as separate leaflets also:

- (1) World Union Centres: Guidelines for
(a) Procedures, (b) activities and
(c) Formation of New Centres.**
- (2) Forums for World Peace--(Outline
of the proposal)**

IS WORLD GOVERNMENT INEVITABLE? HAS HUMANITY A CHOICE FOR ITS FORM?

The question now put by evolving Nature to mankind is whether its existing international system, if system it can be called, a sort of provisional order maintained with constant evolutionary or revolutionary changes cannot be replaced by a willed and thought out fixed arrangement, a true system, eventually a real unity--serving all the common interests of the earth's peoples.

Sri Aurobindo
From the Postscript Chapter
to The Ideal of Human Unity

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The Ideal of Human Unity

We have recently received communications in which doubt is raised if World Union's support to Shri Kamath's Bill in the Lok Sabha, participation in the World Constituent Assembly convened by WCPA, promotion of the World Government and Campaign for the

Ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth fall within the scope of the World Union work. We are really surprised at the doubt expressed by any member of World Union in this regard. In our humble opinion all these activities are not only consistent and relevant to the World Union work but carry it forward.

World Union draws its inspiration in its work from Sri Aurobindo's "Ideal of Human Unity" which first appeared in the philosophical monthly, ARYA, serially from September, 1915 to July, 1918 and was revised before the Second World War. A Postscript Chapter was added to the book by Sri Aurobindo in 1950 dealing with the world conditions then existing.

Sri Aurobindo has examined at several places in The Ideal of Human Unity from various aspects the problem of a World-State. In particular in Chapter XXII he deals with "World Union or World State". He examines in Chapter XXVII The Peril Of The World-State and in Chapter XXXI he refers to The Conditions of A Free World Union. In the first paragraph of the Chapter XIX he states: "Practically, this comes to the question whether the ideal of human unity points to the forcible or at least forceful fusing and welding of mankind into a single vast nation and centralised World-State with many provinces or to its aggression under a more complex, loose and flexible system into a world-union of free nationalities". This is obviously an invitation to humanity to make a choice between a World State as if it was a single vast nation or a world union of free nationalities. In the 2nd paragraph of Chapter XXVII he suggests to the human race to make a choice for the form of a World State so that the result would not be a single nation of mankind and a World-State, but a single human people with a free association of its nation-units.

In the Postscript Chapter Sri Aurobindo writes: "The Central question is whether the nation, the largest natural unit which humanity has been able to create and maintain for its collective living is also its last and ultimate unit or whether greater aggregate can be formed which will englobe many and even most nations and finally all in its united totality". In the same Chapter he foresees the possibility of socialist states and capitalist states existing side by side and developing friendly relations with each other and forming even a World State in which both could keep their own institutions and sit in a common assembly, thus laying a foundation for a single world-union. In the same paragraph he says: "The creation of a World State is in a movement of this kind the one logical and inevitable ultimate outcome". In the next paragraph he states: "If man is intended to survive and carry forward the evolution of which he is at present the head, and to some extent a half-conscious leader of its march, he must come out of his present chaotic international life and arrive at a beginning of organized united action; some kind of World State, unitary or federal or a confederacy or a coalition he must arrive at the end; no smaller or looser experiment would adequately serve the purpose".

In the last page of the Postscript Chapter he writes: "The ultimate result must be the formation of a World-State and the most desirable form of it would be a federation of free nationalities in which all subjection or forced inequality and subordination of one to another would have disappeared and, though some might preserve a greater natural influence, all would have an equal status."

All those who have raised doubts mentioned by us are advised to read in particular the Postscript Chapter to The Ideal of Human Unity and Chapter XXXV giving Summary and Con-

clusion of the book. Sri Aurobindo's last two sentences in Chapter XXXV are: "Until then, the attempt to bring it about by mechanical means must proceed. But the higher hope of humanity lies in the growing number of men who will realise this truth and seek to develop it in themselves, so that when the mind of man is ready to escape from its mechanical bent, — perhaps when he finds that its mechanical solution are all temporary and disappointing, — the truth of the Spirit may step in and lead humanity to the path of its highest possible happiness and perfection."

So until the truth of the Spirit steps in, man has to carry on the work of unification by mechanical means, that is to say, by political and administrative means. We would advise everybody concerned to read also the message of Sri Aurobindo to the Indian nation on the eve of its independence, the 15th of August 1947, in particular the reference to his third dream—a world union forming an outer basis of a fairer, brighter and nobler life for all mankind. He writes in it: "Nationalism will have fulfilled itself and lost its militancy and would no longer find these things incompatible with self-preservation and the integrality of its outlook. A new spirit of oneness will take hold of the human race".

West Bengal Local Chapter of W.C.P.A.

In celebration of the Day of New Age, the day of the adoption and signing of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth at Innsbruck on the 27th June 1977, the meeting of the West Bengal Local Chapter of WCPA was held at 6:15 P.M. on the 27th June 1979 at Rishra, Prof. K. C. Pal presiding. The meeting commenced after Group Concentration with tape-recorded music. The General Secretary of the Chapter explained how and why several non-governmental international organizations had been endeavouring for more than three decades to establish a world authority based on world law. He emphasised the necessity for a world authority and described the work done by WCPA to finalise the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. The Constitution was finally adopted and signed at Innsbruck by delegates from 25 countries on the 27th June 1977, which was a memorable day in the history of mankind and a beginning of a new era. The General Secretary then read out last year's report on the celebration of the day at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Burdwan. He explained the significance of the "Day" and read an article on "The Tasks Before Us" written by Mr. Philip Isely for the delegates of the World Constituent Assembly at Colombo. He also read the message of Sri A. B. Patel: "Every participant must feel an inner urge to help the cause of World Federal Government and raise his or her voice in its favour even against heavy odds. We must remind ourselves that for a cause of this nature—not to attempt is a crime, failure is never a crime".

Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya explained how the work for the ratification of the Constitution was to be carried out. Prof. K. C. Pal in his Presidential address referred to the teaching of Lord Krishna in the Gita and appealed to the members to endeavour to follow that teaching because that would enable them to carry out the task however difficult it might appear in the beginning. Sri Kanai Prasad Dutta, the host, entertained the members with tea and light refreshments.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Alambazar The Centre's monthly meeting was held on 24-6-79 at 6:00 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Sri Dharani Kanta Bhattacharjee, with opening songs by Miss Devjani Basu and Miss Pranati Halder. After meditation for two minutes, Shri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya discussed in details the West Bengal programme of World Union Day to be observed in a befitting manner on 20th August 1979. He gave an account of the appearance of WCPA—its movement and the signature campaign to be conducted in favour of Shri H. V. Kamath's Bill. He also explained the reasons for holding the 6th Triennial World Union Conference in November 1979 during the next session of the Parliament.

Silence for one minute was observed in memory of Raja Mahendra Pratap, an eminent revolutionary of Sri Aurobindo's time, who expired on 29th April, 1979.

Dr. Arun Kumar Sil spoke on the concept and movement of World Union at length, pin-pointing that it was not enough to think of the World Union as an ideal only but it is to be lived; the qualities like the internal exploration of self, awakening and culture of higher consciousness that are indispensable and a definite condition to follow up such a project, have to be developed, expanded and elevated by every individual to a higher plane of spirituality. To the extent we shall be spiritual in our thoughts, work, in our interchange, speeches, writings and behaviour to that extent only our real identity will get concretised expression towards formation of the true World Unity. So long we do not prepare ourselves to work on a spiritual base, the idea of the World Unity will have no meaning and remain an Utopia.

Sri D. K. Bhattacharjee read out some relevant portion from the World Union journal of June 1979 and said that the Indian concept of World Union is definitely based on spiritualism, but for other countries, doubtless, it is more surface-based. In spite of the differences and the superficial contradictions, the old traditions, belief and practices are giving way to a new thought, a new dimension is gradually gaining ground which is perceptibly emerging and expanding for a New World. The meeting ended with a concluding song by Miss Pranati Halder.

Konnagar The monthly meeting of this Centre was held on 17.6.79 at 9:00 A.M. at the house of Sri Satyen Roy Choudhury. The meeting commenced with group concentration. Thereafter, Sri Sukumar Mukherjee, discussed "Self and Sadhana" in the light of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. The meeting ended at about 11:00 A.M.

Uttarpara The 70th monthly meeting was held as usual on the Second Saturday of June 1979 (9.6.79) at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith at 6:30 P.M. when Sri S. K. Gupta presided. After devotional song (offered by Nabanita, Banani and Shamba) and Group concentration for 5 minutes the Secretary in his introductory address requested all members to attend the whole day World Citizens Training Camp to be conducted by Dr. Arun Sil on 10.6.79 at the Boy Scouts Tent in Calcutta Maidan.

Thereafter, Sri S. K. Gupta opened the discussion on the subject "The Child: The

physical Education—The Mother” (Editorial of May 1979). In his short but very enlightening speech he highlighted a few very important points on the question—why education was necessary for human kind. Then he explained the urges of the spiritual element in man and how it was leading him to his future progress. Then Sri Samar Basu elucidated the necessity of physical education and its important features as envisaged by the Mother.

Sri Basu thereafter spoke on the subjects (a) Child as World Citizen and (b) My Future World, which were selected for discussion on WORLD UNION DAY. He also explained in course of his talk the significance of “International Children Year”. “It is expected”, he emphasized “that the Nation members of U. N. would realise the importance of the issue and endeavour to get rid of all problems that hinder the growth and progress of their children”. The meeting terminated at about 8:00 P.M.

Calcutta North Suburban 9th June 1979: A meeting of the Centre jointly with Sri Ma Centre was held at 7:00 P.M. at Sri C. L. Goswami’s residence ‘Sri Ma’ Bhavan when Sri B. B. Banerjee of Chandigarh presided. After two minutes meditation and opening song by Smt. Soobha Goswami, Sri C. L. Goswami discussed the life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and also the World Union Movement. Songs were offered by Smt. Putul Banerjee and Jhumur Banerjee of Chandigarh and Smt. Meera Chatterjee of Dhanbad (Bihar). Five friends from Chandigarh participated. Sri Goswami requested members/guests to open World Union Centres in Bihar. Sri B. B. Banerjee from Chandigarh joined the discussion. Sri K. C. Ghatak recommended surrender to the Mother as a proper solution to face the critical circumstances.

10.6.79 A meeting was held at the house of the Treasurer Sri R. N. Bhattacharjee at 50 Nim Chand Moitra Street when Sri N. C. Roy presided. Sri Roy spoke on Sadhana and the ideals of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Dr. N. R. Karmakar also spoke. Sri R. N. Bhattacharjee talked about the necessity of Sri Aurobindo’s philosophy and its application to day to day problems. Many distinguished citizens of the locality were present and promised whole hearted cooperation and support for the progress of this Centre.

24.6.79 The Centre’s monthly meeting was held at 53/5 Vidyayatan Sarani, Calcutta 700035, when Sri N. C. Roy presided. Dr. N. R. Karmakar spoke on the Gita and Sri Sunil Banerjee, poet, recited his self composed poems on the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. Smt. Dipa Das (student) offered opening song and Sri Laksman Ch. Das sang the closing song. Sri C. L. Goswami talked about his tour of Murshidabad District on 11th and 12th June where he tried to persuade a number of prominent persons in various walks of life to open World Union Centres. Sri Goswami informed the members that he had sent Sri Keshab Ch. Ghatak to Nabadwip Dham—the Holy Place of Lord Sri Chaitanya—to organize World Union activity there. Sri Goswami suggested as target, opening of 25 New Centres within one year in the six districts namely, Murshidabad, Nadia, Malda, West Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling—for which he would seek active cooperation from Sri Samar Basu, Dr. Arun Kumar Sil and Sri N. C. Roy. In the end Sri N. C. Roy very impressively summed up the relevance of the descent of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother in the world. He also mentioned that in order to reach the final climax of the World Union Movement and also bring the reign of the Gnostic Being, the animality in man must disappear.

8.7.79 The meeting for the first fortnight was held at “Sri Ma” Bhavan at 6:00 P.M.

After meditation the members observed silence to pay respect to the departed soul of Sri Ambika Charan Bhattacharya, Tantra Scholar, who died on 4th July 1979 and who used to take keen interest in the movement and was a member of this Centre. Sri N. C. Roy presided and Smt. Soobha Goswami offered opening song. Miss Jhumur Banerjee of Chandigarh offered songs in Hindi. Sri Sunil Banerjee emphasized the need for all to adopt the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother for all the various activities including the World Union Movement. Sri Goswami spoke on the World Government, Constitution for the Federation of Earth and the 6th Triennial World Conference to be held at New Delhi and pointing out the significance from various angles and the fact that this Triennial Conference was to be held outside Pondicherry for the first time. Sri N. C. Roy discussed the significance of Overmind Consciousness which Sri Aurobindo attained on 24th November 1926 and thereafter commenced his successful attempt for the Supermind. He also mentioned the miraculous influence of Sri Aurobindo behind a number of big events during this century. The talk was very inspiring. The meeting ended with a devotional song by Smt. Soobha Goswami.

Cultural & Economic Council In a meeting held on 5-6-79 at 52/5 Vidyayatan Sarani, Calcutta 700035, resolutions were passed to carry out the various activities being: (a) One Day Educational Tours; (b) Travel Agency having its registered head office at 52/5 Vidyayatan Sarani (Phone No. 52-2380), to carry out required procedures, (c) The city office of the Travel Agency to be at 26F Turf Road, Calcutta 700025 (Phone No. 47-2597)—Sri L. N. Datta, the Officer-in-Charge was to complete various requirements; and (d) Sri Samir Ghatak was to follow up the tailoring wing with which Community Services Centre may be organized.

Chandernagore The Seminars for April, May and June 1979 were held on 14.4.79, 20.5.79 and 20.6.79 respectively in Sri Aurobindo Mandir. The topic was "Gita—Third and Fourth Chapter". The speaker was Prof. Santosh Kr. Bhattacharya. After the usual group concentration and the opening song by Kumari Suparna Sarkar, the Secretary Dr. Baral gave the synopsis of the previous Seminars in which the two aspects of Sankhya Yoga were discussed. The Speaker pointed out the factors which bind us with worldly affairs and pointed out that knowledge must be harmonised with action to achieve perfection. He also dealt with some details of 'Samsars'. The said three Seminars were presided by Sri S. K. Nandi, J. N. Mukherjee and R. N. Moulik—all devotees of Sri Aurobindo.

North Calcutta The sixtysecond monthly meeting was held on 19th May, 1979 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hall "New Dawn" Sri Susanto Mitra presided. The meeting started with devotional song by Sri Kalyan Roy, followed by ten minutes group concentration along with Mother's music and reading of hymn by Sri Sujitkumar Palit. Sri T. K. Sinha the Secretary informed the members of the meeting convened by Sri Samar Basu, the Coordinator of World Union in the Eastern Region on 13th May 1979 at 3:00 P.M. at the Hall "New Dawn" to discuss matters relating to WCPA and Shri Kamath's Bill. He also requested interested members to attend the whole day camp on 10th June, 1979 at Boy's Scout Camp, Calcutta Maidan, that would be organized by the Regional Centre of West Bengal when "Concept of

World Union" would be demonstrated by Dr. Arun Kumar Sil, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharjee and Sri Samar Basu. According to the resolution of the Regional Centre, North Calcutta Centre might try to form core-group which would work in two streams, one to organize Seminars to form public opinion on the Spiritual basis of World Government and the other to organize Seminars amongst members and local people relating to matters of "Universal Consciousness". These two streams should spontaneously merge together which would be the true purpose of the core-group. Sri Sinha also added that members of the Centre should try to find out the Soul of World Union, i.e. "The Truth of the Spirit," to live in.

Then by Tagore's song Smt. Gaitri Nag and Km. Dalia Sen and by play on Sitar Sri Debashis Banerjee offered a Programme of devotion. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke in continuation of the series of his talks on "Self and Sadhana" with the comment that the true purpose of World Union Centres was to find out the Self for the manifestation of Universal Consciousness. Dr. Mukherjee very nicely showed from the writings and sayings of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo the ways of disciplines that should be followed for acquiring increasingly higher consciousness. He also gave a very interesting account of the evolution from early stages to the stage of the human being with a soul which requires practise of Yoga for the development of the soul for further evolutionary progress. The meeting ended with a Tagore's song by Smt. Gita Sen and reading of prayer by Sri Sujitkumar Palit and group concentration.

Patel Nagar & Muzaffarnagar A joint meeting of both the Centres was held on 9.9.79 at 49/1B New Mandi, Muzaffarnagar, when Sri Sant Ram presided. At the outset he gave one Blessing Packet of the Mother to Smt. Sushila Rani which was followed by a short prayer and group concentration. Then the President explained the aims and objects of World Union and talked about Shri Kamath's Bill as well as the Sixth Triennial Conference. Selected portions from Sri Aurobindo and Mother's writings were read and explained. The meeting ended with devotional music and a vote of thanks.

The new address of Patel Nagar Centre is: 49/B New Mandi, MUZAFFARNAGAR 251001 (U. P.)

Uttar Pradesh In connection with the International Year of the Child, a symposium was held at Tapogiri, Talla Ramgarh (Nainital) on June 7, 1979. Dr. S. P. Singh of Aligarh University emphasized in his talk the spiritual nature of the child. Sri Prem Malik of Auroville laid stress on full freedom for children. Prof. Bhim Sen of Ajmer felt that the child of today has to be brought up with love and care, so that he achieves a harmonious personality. Dr. Indra Sen of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, emphasized the need for a consensus of approach with regard to the child and the future of the man. Dr. (Miss) Mitra Srivastava of Allahabad University, Sri P. N. Tripathi of Sri Aurobindo Yoga Mandir, Jwalapur (Hardwar) and Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, Lucknow, also participated in the symposium.

The following is the text of the consensus of approach on the subject of "The Child and the Future of Man". It is our hope that World Union Centres in India and abroad will discuss this subject as widely and deeply as possible:

The Child and the Future of Man

(A consensus of approach, of faith and of hope)

- 1. By instinct, man and animal both are deeply interested in the offspring. In fact, Nature is interested in self-propagation and self-preservation.**
- 2. Man as a self-conscious thinking person begins to look before and after, take a larger view of self-preservation and take a deeper interest in the child as the future representative of all life.**
- 3. Man with a spiritual vision of life and existence, with an appreciation of a soul in man and a universal spirit in the world and with an aspiration for the qualities of peace, unity, harmony, good-will and love takes a much deeper interest in the child. He takes it as an evolving soul and participant in the evolving soul of the universe. And by doing so he becomes conscious of himself as an evolving soul with increasing clarity and thus contributes to the growth of the spiritual qualities of life, the qualities of unity, peace, harmony, good-will and love.**
- 4. If we duly recognise soul as a conscious and active agent within us, then our attitude towards the child and its education will tend to become more and more evocative, which will reject the approach of imposing things on it from without. Besides this, the attitude of seeing things in their wholeness, unity, harmony, beauty and feeling adoration for them and finding joy in them will receive prominence. The analytical functions will thus get subordinated to the synthetic ones.**
- 5. The contemporary crisis in life is a deep and chronic crisis in human living which calls for a radical revaluation of values. Possibly new foundations of life have to be discovered and a new personality has to be created. All this demands a fresh and a profound interest in the child and specially in the spiritually precocious child and its right upbringing, so that the synthetic functions of life can be made dynamic in more purposive manner.**
- 6. The approach to the child considered above will be highly rewarding to the adult himself. It will promote in him the attitude to seek, see and recognise expressions of the soul, expression of striking beauty and joy, of rare attractiveness and charm in the new born, the infant, the child and the boy and the girl. This would be a marvellous joy of his own life. Further, by learning to respect the beautiful soul expressions he will more easily resort to evocative attitudes and methods in his dealings with the child. That will naturally help him to become conscious of himself as a soul too.**

All this can evidently lead to great refinement in life and immense cultural advancement and possibly lead to the discovery of the new foundations of life called for by the contemporary crisis.

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WORLD UNION CENTRES
GUIDELINES FOR (A) PROCEDURES, (B) ACTIVITIES AND
(C) FORMATION OF NEW CENTRES

1. CONCEPT:

- A. The Mother's message given to World Union on 25th March 1960, simply and beautifully covers the truth behind the ideal and gives direction for the human effort. This should be taken as the main guiding light:-

"The world is a unity—it has always been, and it is always so, even now it is so—it is not that it has not got the unity and the unity has to be brought in from outside and imposed upon it.

Only the world is not conscious of its unity. It has to be made conscious.

We consider now is the time most propitious for the endeavour.

For, a new Force or Consciousness or Light –whatever you call the new element— has manifested into the world and the world has now the capacity to become conscious of its own unity.”

- B. This being a non-profit, non-political movement for human unity and world peace and progress on a spiritual foundation, the spirit of service and humility should dominate in all our activities. World Union Centres and members can effectively contribute to the work of World Union by the creation of an enlightened public opinion in their respective area. But the work must begin with the individual member himself.**
- C. The task appears to be vast and difficult but if we remember that the New Age is already in the process of manifesting under the inevitable programme of evolution on earth and world unity is a part thereof, then we would realise that in reality we are given a unique opportunity and a privilege to collaborate in this process which simultaneously offers possibility of the highest fulfilment of our life.**
- D. The whole movement belongs to all the people of the world and each individual and group is free to take part in the programme according to the local conditions and inclinations as well as financial and other resources. The headquarters at Pondicherry should be taken as a common link and not as a governing body imposing any conditions.**
- E. It will be observed from the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of WORLD UNION that an attempt has been made to give maximum freedom for constituting and operating World Union Centres—and that spirit should govern all World Union Centres so as to promote cooperation, collaboration and goodwill with all members as well as non-members and other groups and organizations.**

2. GENERAL RULES :

- A. Formation: Three members in any locality or area can form a World Union Centre under approval by the headquarters at Pondicherry,—and advise the headquarters the names of the Office-bearers, particularly the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer if any and the address of the Centre for the purpose of approval and record as well as publication in the Focus.**

The Centre can have more Office-bearers and advise the headquarters accordingly but it is not necessary to publish these details in the Focus.

B. Subscriptions :

- (i) Upon approval a Centre is entitled to deduct and retain for its expenses upto**

25% of the ordinary membership subscriptions collected and sent to the headquarters by the Centre.

- (ii) In regard to Life Members and Associate Life Members enrolled through a Centre, the headquarters has to issue a receipt for the full amount to the respective member. Thus the full amount must be sent to the headquarters who will later give a grant to the Centre every year in respect of such memberships if so desired by the Centre.**
- (iii) When deductions are made by a Centre from ordinary subscriptions the headquarters will issue a receipt in name of the Centre for the actual amount received—but a subscription advice for the full subscription amount paid by each member will be sent by the headquarters direct to the respective member for his information and record which will also include his Subscriber Number.**
- (iv) It is important for each Centre to maintain a list of its members, the Subscriber Number of each member (with expiry date) and mention it at the time of renewal as well as change of address.**
- (v) A member is free to join a Centre of his choice or remain independent with direct communications with the headquarters. If any member leaves one Centre and joins another Centre the latter Centre should inform such change to the headquarters as well as to the other Centre. This is important in order to avoid any possible confusion.**

3. FINANCES:

- A. In view of limited provision for finances the headquarters have to make special efforts to raise finances to publish the monthly journal as well as to meet the other expenses for office maintenance etc. It is, therefore, important that where expenses in excess of the deductions/grants allowed to each Centre are involved for extra activities, the Centre concerned should raise the required amounts from local people by getting them interested in the movement. When projects or programmes for higher ideals and services are attempted, they draw sufficient financial response.**
- B. It should also be remembered that there are a number of activities which can be carried on without extra finances.**

- 4. ADVERTISEMENTS:** Advertisements to World Union monthly journal are most welcome for the maintenance of the journal and upto 25% grant/commission will be paid to any Centre securing advertisement, *after full payment is received by the headquarters*;—and it is also open for an individual member as well as a non-member to secure advertisements for which similar payment will be made to the party concerned. Tariff cards will be provided on request.

5. ACTIVITIES:

- A. Most of the existing Centres are already aware of the varieties of activities which**

World Union Centres can undertake in their programme. The reports of activities published in the earlier issues of the Focus can give some idea of the actual activities which some of the Centres have carried on.

- B. Seminars, lectures, friendly discussions, musical programmes, debates, essay competitions, friendly get-togethers, group outings, inviting eminent persons to give talks on their special subjects and other similar activities can be made fields for making people conscious of their inherent unity and of the progress being made in achieving the unity; also aiding the Ratification Campaign for adoption of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth which is one of the important landmarks in the progress towards final unity. Some of the said activities can be offered for students in schools and colleges.**
- C. "Forums for World Peace", which has been adopted by the headquarters as an important and urgently needed activity, originally came as an inspiration to Sri M. P. Pandit. This can provide a very useful field of activity for all Centres. Similarly "Forum for Human Unity" formed by World Union India Centre, Bangalore, can provide a useful field of activity. Indeed it is open for all Centres to initiate a variety of activities suitable to local conditions.**
- D. It is very important to bear in mind that a genuine goodwill and attempt at an inner change of consciousness by adopting a right attitude must accompany all of these activities like an extra dimension because this movement is based on spiritual foundation and spreading of sweetness and light must be an important accompaniment. Attempt to maintain such attitude should be made continuously and while dealing with every situation, every matter and every person including close relatives, friends and co-workers in every field.**

6. REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES: A brief report of activities of each Centre is usually published in the monthly FOCUS. In this respect the following points should be borne in mind:

- (i) The reports should be sent about the activities which have actually taken place.**
- (ii) The reports should be as brief as possible giving the important details and a summary of the main topic presented or discussed in the meetings.**
- (iii) The headquarters note and follow with keen interest and appreciation the details of all activities of the Centre as well as individuals taking active part but in view of the large number of Centres and limited space in the Focus it may not be possible to publish all such details in the Focus. However, it is generally accepted that these higher activities are not done merely for the sake of name or fame and all of us should try to be satisfied by doing or making efforts to carry on all possible progressive activities in line with the main ideals without insisting on publication of all details.**

FORUMS FOR WORLD PEACE

**A World-Wide Movement proposed by World Union International,
Pondicherry 605002, India**

1. THE IDEA :

- (a) *The inspiration* came to Sri M. P. Pandit, Chairman and Editor of World Union, Pondicherry, towards the end of 1978.
- (b) *The basis* of this movement is that Human Unity can arise only on a spiritual foundation and that necessitates a psychological change on the part of each member affecting his personal life. But before we can build unity around ourselves we should be clear in our minds as to what is unity as distinguished from uniformity, what is peace as distinguished from intervals between conflicts. The Forum is to educate our minds, shape our behaviour and orientate the society from within in a new direction.

2. PROPOSED PROGRAMMES :

- (a) *These Forums* are proposed to be started in universities and other centres of learning in order to encourage thinking and writing on the theme of Peace, individuals and collective. Individuals and organizations working for the welfare of the human race can also take up this activity. A Forum may be constituted under any faculty of the university or responsible committee of an organization. Initially it is to consist of such students or teachers or persons inclined towards studies as are drawn to the concept of peace. They form themselves into Study Groups and undertake worthwhile writings on the subject e.g., Sri Aurobindo's "Human Cycle" and "The Ideal of Human Unity", works of Gandhiji, Tolstoy, Tagore etc. Discussions must be held as part of the studies and papers prepared periodically. Good papers may be offered for publication in the World Union journal or other journals related to similar ideologies, or even published as booklets.
- (b) *Apart from studies*, the group may organize meetings or dialogues with notable visitors from foreign countries or those who return from abroad and have something of value to communicate. The main idea is to promote understanding, collaboration and unity of heart. Projects for furthering peace and unity among the community on the campus or outside may also be considered as occasions arise.

3. RULES AND REGULATIONS :

- (a) *No Rules* and regulations as such are framed because this Movement has to be

spontaneous and should find its own mode of expression in each environment. However, it is suggested that some responsible member of the staff may be entrusted with the task of supervising and conducting the activities of the Forum.

(b) *No Membership Fee* need be charged. An undertaking to work for peace, each in his area, is enough to qualify for membership.

4. **PRACTICAL EXAMPLE :** World Union, Pondicherry, has developed one of the lines of action in the wake of a few donors who have offered to pay Rs. 100.00 per month for a period of one year to groups undertaking this activity. It is obvious that these are but a drop in the ocean of possible country-wide and world-wide activities and it is suggested that individuals and groups in different regions should approach interested people of means in their areas to provide for similar funds to encourage the activity and the scholarships involved as part thereof.
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Never forget that the greater the difficulties, the greater also our possibilities. It is only those who have great capacities and a big future who meet with great obstacles and hardships.

—The Mother

When we know how to call the Lord in all circumstances to make Him share in all the events of our life, then life becomes an Ananda because He covers all with His delight !

—The Mother

It is when all seems lost that all can be saved. When you have lost confidence in your personal power, then you should have faith in the Divine Grace.

—The Mother



RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

The Declaration of the Rights of the Child is not a mere "scrap of paper", even though the rights it extols are not yet available to all—or even, unfortunately, to most—children. The universal recognition that these rights exist is a very important first step in achieving them, and the fact that so many countries of such diverse social conditions and cultural traditions, have agreed on the importance of the basic principles is an extremely encouraging omen of future progress.

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TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Declaration of the Rights of the Child

In the 1979 Year of the Child, it is important for all of us to remind ourselves of the responsibility and duty we owe to the children of the world. Let it not be forgotten that about one hundred years ago, most people saw nothing wrong in the fact that young children had to earn their own living (and often a very meagre one providing the bare minimum of food and clothing) by working long hours under difficult conditions. It was taken for granted that more than half the children born would die before reaching adulthood. The vast majority of children have, in fact, always lived short and painful lives. They have been mostly doomed to ignorance and horrifying poverty, though many people in prosperous parts of the world find it hard to realise. This is still the fate of the majority of children today. Large number of children growing up today face short lives afflicted by chronic illnesses and hunger. In some parts of the world children still receive no medical attention, enjoy no educational or recreational facilities, and have no legal perfection.

The Declaration of Human Right in December 1948 implied rights for children but these were found insufficient. Consequently on November 26, 1959 the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted unanimously the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, which are as under:

Preamble:

Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have, in the Charter, reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, and in the dignity and worth of the human person, and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Whereas the United Nations has, in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, proclaimed that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth therein, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status,

Whereas the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth,

Whereas the need for such special safeguards has been stated in the Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child of 1924, and recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the statutes of specialized agencies and international organizations concerned with the welfare of children,

Whereas mankind owes to the child the best it has to give,

Now therefore,

The General Assembly

Proclaims this Declaration of the Rights of the Child to the end that he may have a happy childhood and enjoy for his own good and for the good of society the rights and freedoms herein set forth, and calls upon parents, upon men and women as individuals and upon voluntary organizations, local authorities and national governments to recognize these rights and strive for their observance by legislative and other measures progressively taken in accordance with the following principles.

Principle 1

The child shall enjoy all the rights set forth in this Declaration. All children, without any exception whatsoever, shall be entitled to these rights, without distinction or discrimination on account of race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status, whether of himself or of his family.

Principle 2

The Child shall enjoy special protection, and shall be given opportunities and facilities, by law and by other means, to enable him to develop physically, mentally, morally, spiritually and socially in a healthy and normal manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity. In the enactment of laws for this purpose the best interests of the child shall be the paramount consideration.

Principle 3

The child shall be entitled from his birth to a name and a nationality.

Principle 4

The child shall enjoy the benefits of social security. He shall be entitled to grow and develop in health; to this end special care and protection shall be provided both to him and to his mother, including adequate pre-natal and post-natal care. The child shall have the right to adequate nutrition, housing, recreation and medical services.

Principle 5

The child who is physically, mentally or socially handicapped shall be given the special treatment, education and care required by his particular condition.

Principle 6

The child, for the full and harmonious development of his personality, needs love and understanding. He shall, wherever possible, grow up in the care and under the responsibility of his parents, and in any case in an atmosphere of affection and of moral and material security; a child of tender years shall not, save in exceptional circumstances, be separated from his mother. Society and the public authorities shall have the duty to extend particular care to children without a family and to those without adequate means of support. Payment of state and other assistance toward the maintenance of children of large families is desirable.

Principle 7

The child is entitled to receive education, which shall be free and compulsory, at least in the elementary states. He shall be given an education which will promote his general culture, and enable him on a basis of equal opportunity to develop his abilities, his individual judgement, and his sense of moral and social responsibility, and to become a useful member of society.

The best interests of the child shall be the guiding principle of those responsible for his education and guidance; that responsibility lies in the first place with his parents.

The child shall have full opportunity for play and recreation, which should be directed to the same purposes as education; society and the public authorities shall endeavour to promote the enjoyment of this right.

Principle 8

The child shall in all circumstances be among the first to receive protection and relief.

Principle 9

The child shall be protected against all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation. He shall not be the subject of traffic, in any form.

The child shall not be admitted to employment before an appropriate minimum age; he shall in no case be caused or permitted to engage in any occupation or employment which would prejudice his health or education, or interfere with his physical, mental or moral development.

Principle 10

The child shall be protected from practices which may foster racial, religious and any other form of discrimination. He shall be brought up in a spirit of understanding, tolerance, friendship among peoples, peace and universal brotherhood and in full consciousness that his energy and talents should be devoted to the service of his fellow men.

Peace is my Message

Mrs. Helen Tucker, Director of World Citizens Centre, 1524 Douglas Drive, Mississauga, Ont., Canada L5G 2W8, sent us a press release dated July 16, 1979 meant for immediate publication. It concerned an event to take place on July 28, 1979. We publish three paragraphs from this press release, on account of their interesting contents :

"All peace women are being recalled to a New Age challenge in 1979—International Year of the Child", says Tucker. "In 1960 it was 'women against war'. Now it is 'women against terrorism'". All people are being terrorised, as individuals and as nations. We must stop the killing; we must stop terrorism. The species of humankind is threatened. Survival is the issue. War amongst nations is stupid because it is no longer feasible. Only *Peace by Peace* is possible. The choice is transformation within the person, from fear to faith, or capitulation to domination by uncontrolled force, terror and violence in the entire world.

"All peace women are called upon to initiate gatherings to reconsider women's role of peacemaker in the family, in the community, in the municipality and in the world. *Can we promise a future to any child?* Certainly not, without the cooperation of peace men and governments, but we can chart the course by taking initiatives together as *peace people and world citizens.*"

"Lay Down Your Arms", wrote Bertha von Suttner, first woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 1906. In 1979—International Year of the Child we ask all women to join the world *PEACE BY PEACE* movement initiated by Irish women Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan, Nobel Peace Prize award winners in 1976.

Planetary Law

Mr. Gerhard F. Haupt of 80 Queens Way, London W. 2, has edited Planetary Law and writes under the caption of "A far-sighted Vision to Share". "Planetary Law", designed for the legal profession, around the planet and all those involved in legal development, identifies itself with the new conceptions of a consciously and freely evolving society. This truly out-standing newsletter dips into every source of legal news that promises to make history. . . He has issued a Press Release which reads :

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Karnataka Chapter of World Constitution and Parliament Association

We are happy to report that as a result of the energetic and enthusiastic action taken by Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan the Karnataka Chapter of WCPA has been organized with headquarters at Nanjangud. The office bearers and the members of the Chapter are as under:

Patron—Sri M. A. Ananth (of Bangalore); President—Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan (of Nanjangud); Vice-President—Lion K. V. Shanmukhiah (of Mysore); Secretary & Treasurer --Lion B. Mahadevappa (of Nanjangud) and Lion B. V. Balasubrahmanyam, Lion Dr. R. N. Keshavamurthy, Sri K. V. Venkatasubbiah and Sri S. M. Narasimha Murthy (all members).

We wish every success to the New Chapter in supporting the activities of WCPA, in particular the Campaign for the Ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth.

A public meeting under the joint auspices of WCPA Karnataka Chapter and World Union Nanjangud Centre was held on the 7th August, 1979 at Sri Sringeri Shankara Mutt Hall. Sri Brahmachari Brahma Chaitanya gave an interesting talk on the Bhagavad Gita. He pointed out at the very outset that the Gita is universal in its appeal in as much as it is a way of life. The speaker explained the importance and the significance of Bhagavad Gita at some length and referred how Lord Krishna exhorted Arjun when he was passing through a most critical period to do his duty, control his mind and obtain perfect tranquility. Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan, President of WCPA Karnataka Chapter and World Union Nanjangud Centre, presided over the meeting and was in agreement with the observations made by the Chief Guest. He said that money today has become a mighty many-headed meretricious monster making the maximum mischief. He stressed the need for reading the Gita which is the most effective remedy for mental malady. Earlier he had spoken at some length on the aims and achievements of World Union International and World Constitution and Parliament Association of USA. He paid handsome tributes to these two international organizations. He remarked that the Constitution for the Federation of Earth to establish a Democratic

Federal World Government discloses legal brilliance. Lion. B. Mahadevappa, Secretary WCPA Karnataka Chapter, had welcomed the gathering.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Konnagar Sri Basudeb Ghosh, the Asst. Secretary of World Union Konnagar Centre will act on behalf of Sri Satya Prasad Chatterjee, the Secretary of this Centre.

Sarojini Nagar Sri S. K. Rattan has been transferred to Dehra Dun and Sri Arvind Srivastava is now the President of this Centre while Sri Pushkar Sing is the Secretary whose address is also the address of the Centre which is: C-101 Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi 110023.

Rishra In the evenings of all Wednesdays dated 2nd, 9th, 11th, 18th July 1979 at the Centre's Office selected portions from "Words of the Mother" were read out with group concentration and discussed by Sri Parimal Goswami and Sri Milan Kanti Sikdar.

In the 5th discussion on Wednesday dated 25th inst., Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, illumined with Sri Aurobindo's adoration and his attainment of supernatural power in 1936. The discussion adjourned with thanks to Dr. Mukherjee and the chair.

Uttarpara The 71st monthly meeting was held as usual on the Second Saturday of July 1979 (14-7-79) at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith at 6:00 P.M. when Sri Sushil Kumar Chakravarty presided. This meeting was arranged for the celebration of "BANKIM JAYANTI". Km. Shampa, Banani and Nabanita offered "Bande Mataram" as opening song followed by group concentration.

After introductory speech by the Secretary, Sri Manindra Nath Halder opened the discussion on "Towards a New Consciousness"—Editorial of June 1979 (1st series). Sri Samar Basu concluded the discussion. Thereafter Km. Shampa and Nabanita spoke on the early life, the service life and the life as literateur of "Bankim Chandra" and Sri Samar Basu evaluated the place of Bankim Chandra as a novelist in the history of literature and compared his works to the works of contemporary English novelists as estimated by Sri Aurobindo. After closing song the meeting ended at about 8:00 P.M.

North Calcutta The sixty third monthly meeting was held on 20th June 1979 at New Dawn Hall, Calcutta, under the Chairmanship of Sri Susanto Mitra. The opening song by Sri Kalyan Roy was followed by 10 minutes group concentration with Mother's music, devotion-al offering by Sri Biren Bose and confirmation of the proceedings of the last meeting. Kumari Ranu Das, a student, in an Oration on "Individual, Universe and the New Era" nicely developed the idea, points for which were collected by herself from the weekly meetings of the

Centre conducted by Sri T. K. Sinha. While explaining the possibilities of the future of humanity Kumari Ranu Das formulated her oration in Bengali with the points covering unfolding of human consciousness to harmonise Universal Consciousness with the aid of Transcendental Consciousness, Divine Manifestation and the New Era. An English translation would be rendered by Miss Hena Sinha. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, in continuation of his talk on "Self and Sadhana" said that Man was in the transition between animal and god. Man had a divine destiny and it was the human body only which could be transformed into Divine body. Man was a special creation of God to fulfil his own purpose. Man's primary job was an inward journey for self discovery and that was Sadhana or Yoga. In that connection Dr. Mukherjee mentioned the utility of Yama and Niyama of Astanga-yoga to prepare oneself for Sadhana and also the ten aspects of yoga as stated by Sri Aurobindo in his early days. But before everything one must have a strong resolution and will to fulfil the Divine will in one's life and that was the first step of Sadhana or journey. Sri Rajan Ganguli of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, was also present and spoke about his memories with the Mother. Sri Satya Basu, Secretary of Sri Aurobindo Pathamandir, Calcutta, gave assurance that authorities of Sri Aurobindo Pathamandir and Sri Aurobindo Bhavan will always cooperate with North Calcutta Centre and that befitting Seminars should be organised at the premises of the Centre. Sunday weekly meetings continued with other programmes, meditation and Swadhyaya. At the closing Miss Suprova Boral offered devotional songs.

Amta The first monthly Seminar of the Centre was held on the 29th April 1979 at the Centre Hall at 8:00 A.M. Sri R. R. Benerjee presiding. The topic for discussion was "Sri Aurobindo's Third Dream Vis-a-Vis Present Day World Crisis". Sri Brojogopal Pramanik, Gour Gopal Dev and Nikunya Behari Dhar, all headmasters of their respective schools were among those who attended the Seminar.

Sri Brojogopal Pramanik spoke on the prophetic vision of Sri Aurobindo with liberal quotations and hammered it out to all that it was high time that we accepted the Yoga of transformation to usher in a new age of spiritualism and solve all world problems. Sri Baidya Nath Ghosh, Jt. Secretary, pointed out that World Union was no longer a concept only—an idle dream of a visionary. It was going to be a reality as it ought to be for the benefit of mankind. Sri Abani Bhushan Mayra, Secretary, spoke poignantly on the topic and stressed that human unity was not something to be built up on the humdrum concept of the community of interest or of political necessity. Essentially and spiritually it ever remains a fact—a "Truth of the Spirit" as the Mother put it. We had only to realise the truth, bring it to our surface consciousness and mould the pattern of our attitudes and behaviour accordingly. The gradual unfolding of our consciousness with the practice of yoga and more and more participation in the World Union Movement in the right spirit were therefore, quite compatible and complementary to each other. The Mother emphasised the point in her blessing—"The World Union based on the fact of human unity realising the truth of the Spirit". World Union has, for its basis, therefore, this spiritual realisation of the fundamental oneness of human race. Ever deepening world crises demanded that we had to intensify the movement and quicken the process of the union for our survival on earth.

Sri Manoranjan Pal and Jnan Halder also spoke on the occasion. It was decided that a

series of discussion would be held hereafter on the topic of Integral Education and Integral Yoga the first of which would be held on Sunday, the 3rd July 1979.

A general meeting of the members of the Centre was held on 29-7-79 at 8:30 A.M. in the Centre premises. After group meditation and prayer, Sri Samir Bose gave an impressive talk on: "Sri Aurobindo on Politics". He traced the history of Sri Aurobindo's political thoughts and activities right from his early days in England when he associated himself with the "Lotus and Dagger" down to the time of his famous Uttarpara address when he finally decided to abjure active politics. The spiritual context of his political thought could not be missed even by a casual observer. He foresaw that India was to play the role of the spiritual guru for the rest of the world and lead and guide the humanity into the New Age of spiritualism. He fought valiantly for 'Swaraj' for he knew that it alone could provide the objective condition for the fulfilment of this great mission she was destined.

Sri Abani Bhushan Mayra said that the political dream (vision) of Sri Aurobindo would find its ultimate consummation in the success of World Union in foreseeable future. It was potential enough to break the artificial frontiers of nation-states dissolving the national ego with all its concomitant ills. It would encompass the entire world as the one state for the human race thus creating the perfect condition of the permanent "peace of the human spirit".

In the meeting the following office-bearers were selected for the next term: Sri Rebati Ranjan Banerjee, Chairman; Sri Jnan Halder, Secretary; and Sri Manoranjan Pal, Jt. Secretary & Treasurer.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Sri Abani Bhushan Mayra for his services as the founder-Secretary of the Centre. The new address of the Centre is: Sri Rabati Ranjan Banerjee, C/o World Union Amta Centre, P. O. & Village Amta, Dt: Howrah, W. Bengal.

Hyderabad We are happy to inform all concerned that during the last visit of Dr. Kamoooben Patel (Coordinator of World Union International) and at the request of Dr. P. N. Bindu the World Union Hyderabad Centre has been reorganised on 20-7-79. The Office-bearers of the Centre are as under:- Dr. P. N. Bindu—President; Sri T. L. Kapadia—Co-President; Dr. M. V. Nadkarni—Secretary cum Treasurer and Sri B. C. Patel—Joint Secretary. The address of this Centre is that of the President—being:-

Dr. P. N. Bindu, President, World Union Hyderabad Centre, "Sneha Nivas" 2-1-444/1 University Road, Nallakunta, Hyderabad 500044 (A.P.).

New Centre

C.N.S. Palpara This Centre was opened on 14. 7. 79 under the guidance of Calcutta North Suburban Centre. The Office-bearers of the Centre are:-

(1) Sri Dilip Kumar Deb – Secretary; (2) Sri Satya Narayan Banerjee—Chairman and (3) Sri Debiprasad Roy Choudhury—Treasurer. The address of the Centre is that of the Secretary—being:-

Sri Dilip Kumar Deb, Secretary, World Union C.N.S. Palpara Centre, 26/10 Sashi Bhusan Neogi Garden Lane, Calcutta 700036.

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Mr. Arunkumar A. Patel (Mombasa)	1,400-00
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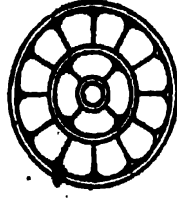
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New Office Premises of World Union

All concerned are requested to note that the Office of World Union has been shifted back to its earlier address 44 Rue Desbassyns De Richemont, Pondicherry, from No. 8 Eswaran Dharmaraja Koil Street, Pondicherry.

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General Secretary
August 17, 1979



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MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER 1979

The problems facing mankind cannot be tackled, much less satisfactorily solved, by conventional or old ways and methods. People must become increasingly aware that new solutions with global outlooks in every field of life has to be searched for. All issues before mankind are increasingly becoming interconnected and complex and to meet them adequately, spiritual approach, helped by new scientific and technological outlook, is essential. We must realise that we now live in a world which has become one and global solutions of problems are imperative.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Sixth Triennial World Union Convention

Shri Gurupdeep Manocha has sent the following information from New Delhi:

There have been various questions raised from various corners regarding postponing of the date of the Convention due to the announcement of the Mid-term Poll. For two reasons we could not postpone it—firstly, delegates coming from all over the world have already made their arrangements and, secondly, the climatic reasons as Delhi is very cold during January-February. Irrespective of the fact that many of the politicians may not be able to participate in view of their being busy in their election campaigns, World Union being an Organisation based on spiritual foundation, not political, it is essential that political day-to-day ups and down should not be allowed to come in the way of our programme.

Therefore it must be understood that there is no questions of the change of the dates of Convention. We request our members who wish to participate to promptly attend to our call and send the delegate fee along with their form to facilitate the bookings for lodging and boarding. It may not be possible to get accommodation for late-comers under the World Union regulations.

Delegates who are still in Government service and are entitled to concessioned rate of stay in the various respective State Guest Houses in Delhi are requested to approach their respective State Government authorities to get their bookings done for the days of their stay. Of course the payment of their stay will be made by the World Union International, Delhi Centre for whom they will be their guests. On getting the reservation done through their own State Governments, they should kindly inform the World Union Delhi Centre to avoid duplication. In case such State Accommodation is not available and if these delegates inform the World Union Delhi Centre before 15th October 1979 about same, then other accommodation will be made for them by the Centre.

PROPOSED ONE-DAY TOURS

Two One-day tours (morning to evening) of (1) Agra/Mathura/Brindavan and (2) Hardwar/Rishikesh are proposed to be conducted immediately following the Convention and are open for all attending the Convention. Those interested should send an advance registration charge of Rs. 25/- per person per tour by Bank Draft (Account Payee only) in favour of "Sixth Triennial Convention of World Union International Centres, New Delhi". The draft should be sent to: Sri J. N. Puri, the Secretary, 28/IV Shastri Niketan, N. W. Motibagh, New Delhi-110021—stating the number of persons and number of tours desired.

World Constitution and Parliament Association

The WCPA will meet in New Delhi on 28, 29 and 30 November 1979, immediately following the Sixth Triennial Convention of World Union. A Special meeting of the Executive Cabinet of WCPA will also be held during this time. The Agenda of the meeting will be:

- (1) Strategy—for the next 5 to 10 years.
- (2) The Campaign for Ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth (a) By National Parliaments, (b) By Communities and Cities, (c) By Universities and Colleges and (d) By Popular Referendum.
- (3) Plans for the Provisional World Parliament—1982 (a) Location, (b) Time of year, (c) Duration, (d) Credentials for Participants, (e) Call to the Parliament and (f) Preparatory Committee.
- (4) National Branches of WCPA— (a) Reports from various countries, (b) Organization of new branches and (c) Actions to be developed by national branches.
- (5) Fund Raising.
- (6) Publications— (a) Brochures and leaflets, (b) Constitution, (c) Ratification documents, (d) Handbook for the Provisional World Parliament, (e) Across Frontiers and (f) "World Federalist Papers" series.
- (7) Next sessions of the World Constituent Assembly.

Shri Puran Singh Azad, the General Secretary of the India Committee of World Constitution and Parliament Association, is making necessary arrangements for the holding of the meeting.

World Council of World Union

The World Council of World Union will meet at FICCI Auditorium, New Delhi, at about 5 P.M. on 27-11-79 soon after the completion of the work of the Sixth Triennial Convention when Sri A. B. Patel will present oral report, including plan of further work of World Union and estimate of the likely income and expenditure of World Union during the next three years. The election of the Executive Committee for the next three years will also take place. Any member of the World Council will be free to raise any other matter affecting World Union and its work.

The Executive Committee of World Union will meet at 9 A.M. and the Central Council of

World Union India Centre of Bangalore will meet at 11 A.M. on 23-11-79 at the residence of Shri Gurudeep Manocha, Chairman, World Union International Delhi Centre, a-1/57 Safdar-jang Enclave, New Delhi 110016. Circulars of these two meetings will be issued in due course indicating the Agenda. The most important item of the Agenda of the Executive Committee will be the recommendations of the Committee, which was appointed by the Executive Committee of World Union on 23-4-79 to give consideration to the suggestions received for the improvement of the working of World Union and to examine the possibility of starting an "All-India Federation of Human Unity Associations", which Committee had met at Pondicherry on the 13th August 1979. The recommendations of the Committee are:

1. All World Union Centres should adopt and execute programmes which will help in enthusing the community. Such programmes should generally promote right human relations and goodwill in all walks of life among all people, particularly very essential in India where society is divided on grounds such as caste, religion, tribal areas, backward communities.
2. Wife or husband of each member will be considered automatically a member of World Union but she or he will not receive journal or focus on that account.
3. World Union Centres should endeavour, at least every Sunday, to involve the children of World Union members in the programme specially conducted for the purpose which can include programmes of right human relations, goodwill and the right development of the children. Invitation to such programmes can be extended to the children of non-members.
4. World Union Centres ought to endeavour to hold Workshops and Seminars of teachers and students on whose right human relations and proper handling of education largely depend the progress of a nation. Preferably such Workshops and Seminars should be held region-wise.
5. A great deal of discussion took place and a serious thought was given to the suggestions received from Bangalore for the promotion of a National Centre in each country of the world with the duty entrusted to it to form Regional or State Centres in the country with responsibility entrusted to each Regional or State Centre to form Local Centres in the region. The present Rule 2 of World Union provides formation of Local Centres who have powers to form Regional Centres who in turn have powers to form a National Centre. It was considered by the Committee that this method has not worked satisfactorily for the development of the World Union Movement in India and abroad and it was considered advisable to commence a new experiment of forming first a National Centre in each country with instructions to it to form Regional or State Centres, each of which should have responsibility to form Local Centres. It was agreed that the new experiment be made which will need amendment to the Rule No. 2 of World Union and which will need the formation of a National Centre in each country. It was recommended that a National Centre be formed in India with headquarters at Bangalore. It was also recommended that three or more Regional or State Centres may form a Zonal Centre for the proper working of the World Union Movement. A Coordinator for World Union should be appointed on a Zonal basis. There will be no Zonal Centre. India will have five Zones and five Coordinators.

The Bangalore Centre had submitted several recommendations including the formation of India National Centre and suggested Rules and Regulations for its conduct. The Executive Committee is the final authority to reject or accept these recommendations with or without

amendments. If the Executive Committee accepts the recommendation of the formation of an India National Centre, it is recommended that it should appoint a Committee to go through the Rules and Regulations prepared at Bangalore and take decision in that regard. The formation of India National Centre will have to take into consideration the present India Centre formed in 1975 with headquarters at Bangalore, and take such action as may be found necessary.

6. Every World Union Local Centre will have the right to enrol Associate Members of that Local Centre only on a nominal fee for the participation of such Associate Members in all the activities of the Local Centre but they will not be considered members of World Union International Centre and will not receive journal or focus.

7. Rule 2 of World Union is recommended to be replaced as under :

WORLD UNION CENTRES:

(a) Any ten or more members may form a national centre in any country and apply for recognition to the Executive Committee giving the Centre's address and the names and addresses of its office-bearers.

(b) A National Centre will undertake the duty of forming Regional or State Centres. Each Regional or State World Union Centre must enrol atleast 10 members and must be recognized by the National Centre, information of which ought to be given to the International Centre at Pondicherry giving the Centre's address and the names and addresses of its office-bearers.

(c) Each Regional or State Centre will undertake the duty to organize Local Centres with at least five members for each Local Centre. Each Local Centre must be recognized by its Regional or State Centre, information of which ought to be given to the National Centre concerned as well as to the International Centre at Pondicherry giving address of each Local Centre and the names and addresses of its Office-bearers.

(d) Each National, Regional or State and Local Centre is expected to grow and evolve its life and work freely on its own inspiration (so long as it promotes the objects of World Union) developing an organization suited to its situation and with bye-laws to guide its functioning.

(e) All the members enrolled by National Centres, Regional or State Centres and Local Centres will be also treated as members of World Union International Centre, Pondicherry, and will receive journal or focus according to the condition of the enrolment of a member. Each Centre must endeavour to raise its own finance to carry on its activities provided always that World Union International Centre will give to each Centre 20% of the membership fee and other collections made by the latter towards its expenses. In addition each Regional or State Centre will receive 5% of the collections received by the International Centre from it and from the Local Centres organized by that Regional Centre and each National Centre will receive from the International Centre, Pondicherry, 5% of the total collections received from the members of World Union in that nation towards its expenses.

(f) As there is already a National Centre in India and a Regional Centre in West Bengal and more than 40 Local Centres, the office-bearers and the members of the Executive

Committee or Central Council of India Centre will be considered as members of India Centre and the office-bearers and the members of the Committee of Regional Centre of West Bengal will be considered members of the West Bengal State Centre. The present four Coordinators appointed for Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern India will continue to work as Coordinators until Zonal Centres come into existence and Zonal Coordinators are appointed.

8. The Committee did not approve of the formation of an "All India Federation for Human Unity Associations" but recommended that all World Union Centres should cooperate with other like-minded organizations for achievements of common goals and even hold gatherings and Seminars under their joint auspices.

9. Where there are unduly large number of members in a Local Centre it should be encouraged to have more than one Centre in that place.

10. The following suggestions of Sri Samar Basu were approved by the Committee.

(i) Project for activating Old Centres which are gradually becoming dormant. Sri Samar Basu wishes to submit to the Executive Committee the following :

"There could be numerous reasons for which a Centre becomes inactive. Among them the most predominant one is the disinterestedness of its members. So our business is to find out the cause why a few members do not feel interested in the movement. We are to meet them, to carry on open, free and unbiased discussion with them. This we may do at the time of the renewal of membership. We must not ignore their views, we must realize their difficulties and try to understand them. In this way we may be able to hew out new ways to move forward with their full cooperation. Each situation has to be dealt with according to its merit and character. Hence the suggestion of meeting the members of Local Centres by the Coordinators and the concerned Secretaries. Initially the Secretary will meet the Members and try to solve the problem of his Centre. But if he feels that the problem has to be discussed in general then he may hold a meeting in consultation with the Coordinator or Regional or State Secretary. The Coordinator or Regional or State Secretary on their part should be well aware of the difficulties of the Secretaries of "Local Centres". They must keep constant contact with the Secretaries".

"To carry out this work in a disciplined and organized way I suggest that:

(a) The Coordinator of each Zone or Regional or State Secretary (where Regional or State Centre has been set up) is to know through the Secretaries of the Local Centres—the reasons for which a few members do not renew their membership and find out ways and means to meet the difficulties in consultation with the Secretaries and concerned member(s) whenever necessary.

(b) For this drive the Asst. General Secretary of International Centre should prepare lists of members (who have not renewed membership) Centre wise in FEBRUARY and AUGUST each year and send the same to the Zonal Coordinators and Regional or State Secretaries for their information and necessary action.

(c) To carry out the above work more effectively it is necessary that the Secretary of each 'Local Centre' shall maintain a Membership Register in two parts (i) JANUARY RENEWAL and (ii) JULY RENEWAL.

Each part shall contain two sections: (i) Journal Members and (ii) Focus Members. The Secretary shall endeavour to make all necessary arrangements so that all the Members

of his/her Centre renew their membership on due dates. Besides, he/she will see that new members are enrolled.

(d) It is advisable that a Coordinator or a Regional or State Secretary shall relinquish his/her office (Chairmanship/Secretaryship) if he/she holds any such in the Local Centre - as soon as he/she is appointed as Coordinator or elected as Secretary of the Regional or State Centre".

11. The Committee recommended that the publishing of World Union journal in various national or regional languages is not practical. However, if any national, regional or state, or local centre desires to publish the journal in national or regional or state language they should be free to do it with permission from the World Union International Centre, Pondicherry, on condition that the contents of the World Union journal are translated properly in a manner that will bring credit to the contributor. But the Committee felt that such a task appears at present very difficult and not worth the trouble and cost involved.

12. The Committee recommended that each member on enrolment as a member ought to receive a suitable card signed by the General Secretary from World Union International, Pondicherry, and each Life Member should receive a suitable badge on enrolment. If the Executive Committee will approve this recommendation, the Life Members now existing at present will also receive the badge and all members now existing will receive the card.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Alambazar The monthly meeting was held on 29th July, 1979 at 6:00 P.M. with devotional songs followed by group meditation for 3 minutes. The Chairman, thereafter, welcomed the new entrants who have become members during this month and the observers present. He explained that the purpose of such meetings was to consolidate the collective thinking and work out schemes for furtherance of the World Union Movement. Sri Samar Basu gave a very impressive speech at length on the "Ideal of Human Unity" and the 'Divine Life'. He explained very lucidly the conditions that are imperative to be fulfilled before transformation of man to NEW RACE is made possible. Every one present heard him with rapt attention. The Secretary of the Centre read out the programmes to be observed on 19th August, 1979 at Kamarkundu on the occasion of World Union Day. The Secretary urged everybody to participate in the Seminar and make it a success.

The monthly meeting of this Centre held on 26-8-79 at 6:00 P.M. at 72/5 Baruiapara Lane, Calcutta-35 commenced with duet songs by Deepali Basu and Mita Roy and solo by Mrs. Minu Roy. After group meditation, Sri Dhiren Basu delineated in brief the life of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo, explaining beautifully that we cannot understand the one without the other. Sri Dharani Kanta Bhattacharjee spoke on Sri Aurobindo and Vishva Sankat (the world problems), pointed out the factors responsible for the alarming situation created and the ways and means to be adopted individually and collectively to face the challenge. The meeting ended with thanks to the host, Sri Paresh Ch. Majumdar.

Amta 15th August, 1979—The 107th birth anniversary of our Master Sri Aurobindo was very solemnly observed by the Centre under the Presidentship of Sri Rebati Ranjan Banerjee. Many distinguished guests were present besides the members of the Centre. The President garlanded the portraits of the Master and The Mother. Everybody offered flowers as offering. The ceremony was opened with a very melodious song "Sajiacha Yogi" sung very sweetly by K. Sumita Ghosh. This was followed by meditation for half an hour. Sri Samar Basu and Sri Bimalendu Chakrabarty gave very inspiring speeches which were acclaimed by all. Readings from "Prayers and Meditations" and "Savitri" were reproduced by the President and Sri Abani Moira respectively. Mrs. Kajal, Sri Jharna Bhattacharjee, and Sri Mohon Mittra made the occasion very gracious with their melodious songs intermitently. 11th Chapter of Gita and Radha's prayer was read by Sri Baidya Nath Ghosh. The ceremony ended with a closing song by Mrs. Kajal and thanks to all by Sri Manoranjan Paul, the Asst. Secretary. In the evening 107 candles were lit to commemorate the birthday.

Bangalore The monthly meeting for July 1979 was held on 1-7-79 and Sri M. B. Srinivasan addressed the members on "The Spiritual Aspect of the Earth and Universe". This was a follow-up of the previous talk given by Prof. S. Ramakrishnan on 3-6-79 on the subject "The Universe and the Earth". Sri Srinivasan covered the entire gamut of the subject as looked at from a spiritual aspect and the talk was complimentary to the preceding one. If one was scientifically based, the other drew its inspiration on a spiritual base and was enlightening. The welcome remarks were made by Dr. T. Prasannasimha Rao, while Sri M. K. Rameswaram the Secretary introduced the speaker and also proposed a vote of thanks.

The monthly meeting for August was held on 19-8-79 Prof. K. V. Gundu Rao presiding. The speaker was Prof. C. N. Venkataramu and the subject "Religion and Social Progress". The members were treated to a very learned discourse when the Professor took them through the various aspects of religion, prayer and social progress. The speaker very vividly brought out the exact implications of each and said that social progress was generally conditioned by various factors and that religion was one of the most powerful amongst them. Religion itself has come into being from a belief in the existence of a super human power and that belief will regulate and guide us in a right direction as we constantly feel that a supernatural power (by whatever name it is called) is watching our actions. He said that "God loves those who Love their Fellow Beings" and hence it stands to reason that all individuals and institutions in the society should engage themselves in doing good things only as a consequence of which social progress accrues as a natural corollary and that there should not be any barrier of caste, creed or colour in this. He said that mere worship and prayer will not take us anywhere unless our actions are motivated by a desire to do good to the society. He said that since all religions teach good morals there is no difference between one religion and another and the only one religion we should be proud to belong to is the religion of universal love and thereby save ourselves from the religious wars. The religion of love unifies all the segments of the society into single integrated whole. Altogether, it was a very absorbing talk carrying the audience into the highest realms of human life. Prof. K. V. Gundu Rao welcomed the speaker and members. Sri M. K. Rameswaram introduced the speaker and Smt. Buvaneswar Ramaswamy proposed a vote of thanks.

Rishra The Seminars for the month of August 1979 were held on the 1st day and 29th day at the office of this Centre at 6:00 P.M. after group concentration as usual.

6th Seminar On the 1st day of August (Wednesday) Sri Debananda Brahmachary of Balananda Ashram, illustrated on the topic of "Gita" 1st Chapter (Vishad Yoga).

7th Seminar On the 29th Day—Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Vice-Chairman, World Union West Bengal Regional Centre, discussed the questions:

- (1) What is the Yoga of Sri Aurobindo? (2) What is the mode of Yoga? and (3) How to be successful in concentration?

He explained the three aspects of Yoga namely:

(i) Yoga of Surrender, (ii) Supramental Yoga and (iii) Yoga of Transformation and also the key to Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy of transformation. Both the topics were well received by all members attending the Seminars.

On 8th & 22nd August: The hymn to Mother Durga and selected portion from "Words of the Mother" were read out by the General Secretary and the Secretary of this Centre.

On the 15th August: Birth Day Celebration of Sri Aurobindo was observed by garlanding his portrait by Sri K. P. Datta, Chairman. Discussion ended with vote of thanks to Sri Brahmachary, Dr. Mukherjee and the Chair.

Konnagar The monthly meeting was held on 29-7-79 at 5:00 P.M. at the house of Sri Satyen Roy Choudhury. The meeting commenced with group concentration. Thereafter, Sri Basudeb Samanta spoke on "Rastra Guru Sri Aurobindo" in the light of Sri Aurobindo's political thoughts. He pointed out a few salient features of this subject. He also quoted from his memory the thoughts given by Sri Aurobindo in "Bande Mataram" (early political writings). The meeting ended at about 7:30 P.M.

Uttarpara "Sri Aurobindo Jayanti" was celebrated with due devotion and solemnity befitting the occasion by the members of the Centre on the 15th August 1979 at 6:00 P.M. at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith. The ceremony commenced after group concentration and chorus song "Bande Mataram". Sri S. K. Gupta presided and several distinguished gentlemen of the locality attended the ceremony despite bad weather.

Sri Gupta welcomed the assemblage and Shampa Banani and Nabanita offered songs of Rabindranath on "Swadeshi Movement". Sri Sushil Kumar Chakrabarty read out his article on "Sri Aurobindo and Indian Freedom" elucidating a few very important events relating to the role played by Sri Aurobindo in the movement. Sri M. N. Halder then spoke at length on Sri Aurobindo's historical message to the people broadcast from Tiruchi (A. I. R.) on the occasion of Independence Day. He read out the message (in English) first and then explained some significant points.

Thereafter Nabanita and Banani offered "Sri Aurobindo Pranam"—a devotional song. Sri Nakshatra Bhusan Nandy spoke a few words paying tribute to Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Thereafter, Banani, Nabanita and Shampa—the student members of the Centre read out their own articles with very significant quotations from the "Hour of God", "The Ideal of

Human Unity" and "Savitri" respectively. The articles were appreciated by all as they roused interest and enthused the audience.

Sri S. K. Gupta in his Presidential address summed up the talks of the speakers and appealed to the assembly to translate the teachings of the Great Master into actions in their day-to-day life. Sri M. N. Halder proposed a vote of thanks after the closing song offered by the above students. All attending the happy occasion were entertained with the Prasad of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

World Union Day Celebrations

International Centre World Union International Centre celebrated the World Union Day on 20th August 1979 at 5:30 P.M. at its office at Pondicherry when Prof. Ambady Narayanan presided. After meditation for one minute Sri A. B. Patel presented a number of interesting aspects relating to the World Union Day and its significance, particularly the fact that 20th August was given by the Mother for celebration as World Union Day every year in response to a question asked to her on 16th October 1969. He also mentioned the progress being made towards a new world order and world government and the hopeful signs in that direction. Thereafter he requested Prof. Ambady Narayanan to speak on the subject for the day, being: "Present Conditions of the Rights of the Child".

Prof. Ambady Narayanan presented some very interesting aspects particularly including the legal side of the matter. The speech was informative and enlightening and among other things pointed out as to how the resolution of the United Nations offering the year 1979 as the International Year of the Child is the expression of the growing awareness among the nations of their responsibility and duties to the children as well as the emergence of the concept of the child as a personality with definite and distinct rights of his own as different from the traditional concept of the child as embryonic citizen. He quoted relevant articles from the Constitution and other laws to show how the various needs of children in the varying social and economic grades were taken into account to look after their welfare from every possible angle including crime, neglect, cruelty, marriage, adoptions, etc. The speech was very well received and applauded.

The International Centre also organized competition for school children in two categories, being below 16 and above 16. Only the children under 16 responded as a result of which first, second and third prizes were awarded as well as two consolation prizes. The prizes consisted of varying cash amounts.

Madras This Centre celebrated the World Union Day on Sunday, the 26th August 1979 at Minerva College (College Hall), Halls Road, Egmore, Madras, commencing at 5:30 P.M. His Excellency, Shri Prabhudas Patwari, Governor of Tamil Nadu and President, World Union Madras Centre, presided. The programme commenced with music by students of the Cultural Centre of Performing Arts, Adyar, (in connection with the International Year of the Child). The welcome speech by Prof. A. N. Parasuram was followed by Presidential address by His Excellency the Governor. This address has been published in the October 1979 issue of the journal.

Thereafter, Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Nainar Sundaram, Judge, High Court of Madras addressed the gathering. (Sri S. Krishnamurthy the International Lecturer, who too was to speak, could not come to Madras). The salient points in the speech by Mr. Justice S. Nainar Sundaram were:

Unity is what we crave and strive for, especially at this hour in this world. We find that diversity has come to stay. The usual motto is unity in diversity. But, nowadays diversity remains diversified. There is no scope for unity. There is confusion. There is conflict and an individual in any field, political, social or personal is left perplexed. The causes for this state of affairs are varied. But the core cause is the disintegration of the human personality. If one is not an unified personality, it would be futile to talk about union in the world. Internal unity alone must pave the way for the unity in the world. Realization with the 'Self' is the truth. It is not to be dependent upon another self. Its dependence can only be on the universal self. If the Self is integrated and it is projected in the personality of a man, his relationship with other human beings will be on the same level and he will realise the self in the other. Self development leads to development of the society, development of the society to the development of the nation, which leads to development of the World Unity. Respect for others' feelings, unbound sympathy for others' infirmities, the lack of desire to project his own personality and over-power other personalities will bring about a beautiful union. There will not be an individual who would like to consider himself superior to the other. Every individual will realise the beauty in the other. Love will flow unfettered by the feelings of nations, race, caste, religion and position.

Hyderabad This Centre celebrated the World Union Day on Sunday, the 19th August, 1979 at 4:30 P.M. at 2-1-444/1 University Road, Nallakunta, Hyderabad 500044, the Centre's Office at the residence of Dr. P. N. Bindu. Sri Gopal Rao Ekbote, Ex. Chief Justice of A. P., presided. The programme commenced with meditation followed by welcome address by Sri Kashinath (Advocate). Dr. P. N. Bindu read a paper—"India's Mission in the Modern World", printed copies whereof were circulated. Thereafter, there were speeches by Dr. Kamu Patel, Sri S. Krishnamurthy and Sri T. L. Kapadia, followed by presidential address by Sri Gopal Rao Ekbote. The presence of Sri S. Krishnamurthy and his speech brought added encouragement and inspiration. All the speeches were very well received and the presidential address was particularly impressive and inspiring. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. M. V. Nadkarni.

Regional Centre, West Bengal World Union Day was observed in Kamarkundu Baijnath Sall College on August 19, 1979 from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. unitedly by the World Union Centres of West Bengal where 151 persons attended from the Centres: Ashok Nagar, Sodepur, Alambazar, Baranagar, North Calcutta, Chakraberia, Calcutta, New Alipur, Chandan Nagar, Rishra, Konnagar, Uttarpara, Bhandarhati and Kamarkundu the host. The Secretary of the host Centre Sri Nirapada Das was assisted by Sri Samir Ghatak of Sodepur and Sri Samiran Ghosh of Calcutta. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Secretary, West Bengal Regional Centre, conducted the programme.

In the Seminar on "Child as World Citizen" the participants were Sri Samar Basu

Coordinator, Eastern Region; Dr. Arun Sil, Chairman, West Bengal; Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee (New Alipur); Dr. Biswanath Baral (Chandan Nagar); Sri Khagendra Narayan Das (Chakraberia); Sri Basudeb Samanta (Konnagar); Sri L. N. Datta and Sri Jagadish Saha (Calcutta); Sri Subrata Sen and Sri Binoyendra Nath Sarkar (Ashok Nagar); Sri D. K. Bhattacharya, Sri Urmipada Chatterjee and Sri Amulya Chatterjee (Alambazar); Smt. Juiphul Roy, Smt. Krishna Mitra and Sri Sankha Bhattacharya (Baranagar). In the elocution competition of the student members on the same subject 4 competed, who received the order of merit as the following: Smt. Krishna Paul (I); Smt. Nelly Choudhury (II); Smt. Banani Das Gupta (III) and Smt. Sikha Roy (IV) by a board of judges composed of Sri D. K. Bhattacharya, Sri Sudhindra Kumar Gupta and Dr. Arun Sil.

In the essay writing competition of the children of 12-16 years on "My Future World", out of the nine participants Sri Apurba Saha, Smt. Anindita Das, Sri Abhirup Sen, got the successive order of merit by a board of judges consisting of Sri D. K. Bhattacharya and Sri Parimal Chakrabarty.

Sri Samar Basu on his completion of 57 years this day prized all the four elocution competitors and the first three essay competitors. The Conference prayed for his long life. He reported the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the Organization. In the literary session, self composed poems were presented by Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Sri Parimal Chakrabarty, Sri Dhiren Basu, Dr. Biswanath Baral, Dr. Arun Sil, Smt. Bijoya Majumder, Sri Swapan Roy and Sri Manu Roy Choudhury.

In the cultural programme, Smt. Sabita Bhattacharya and Smt. Sikha Roy of Ashok Nagar; Sri Ajoy Paul of Baranagar and Smt. Suparna Sarkar of Chandan Nagar presented vocal music. Baranagar Centre presented concerts of Sri Mantra Bhattacharya, Sri Sankha Bhattacharya, Sri Dhiren Basu, Sri Pradip Das and Sri Robin Das and chorus of Smt. Krishna Mitra, Sri Dipak Mitra, Smt. Juiphul Roy and Sri Malap Bhattacharya. Konnagar and Ashok Nagar Centres jointly arranged dramatic representation from "Savitri" by Smt. Nelly Choudhury, Smt. Krishna Paul, Smt. Swadna Paul, Smt. Krishna Bhattacharya, Sri Subrata Sen and Sri Swapan Roy.

Amta On 20th August, 1979 World Union Day was observed by this Centre. The main participants were the Asst. Secretary, Sri Manoranjan Paul and Sri Baidya Nath Ghosh. There was group meditation under the guidance of the President Sri Rebati Ranjan Banerjee.

Both Sri Ghosh and Sri Paul narrated the essence of the World Union Movement and appealed to all to cooperate with the movement whole-heartedly. The function ended with a melodious song.

Nanjangud World Union Day was celebrated on the 20th of August 1979 under the auspices of this Centre. It was a public meeting held at the Centre's Office. Lion Prof K. S. Viswanathan, President of the Centre, gave a talk on "Child as World Citizen". He observed that a broad cosmopolitan outlook characterises a World Citizen. A World Citizen is a man of culture in the real sense of the term, endowed with sweetness of temper and sanity of outlook. He quoted the words of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan: "Culture is not a pose of intellect or a code of convention, but an attitude of life which finds nothing human alien, common or

unclean". He dwelt at some length on the horrors of modern warfare. A world outlook is an absolute must today to avert war and ensure peace. The children of today who are the citizens of tomorrow should be given proper training so that they might grow into citizens of the world. This training at the formative stage of their lives will do them a lot of good. "Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men, that the defences of peace should be constructed." He was firmly convinced that a Federal Democratic World Government which is in the offing thanks to the epoch-making work of WCPA is absolutely essential for solving the major problems of the world including the problems the children are facing today.

He paid handsome tributes to the noble work of Manava Bharathi, under the inspiring stewardship of Dr. D. P. Pandey. He remarked that Manava Bharathi is a unique institution in as much as it has been training children to become World Citizens and exhorted to audience to give the widest publicity to the highly commendable Cultural Exchange of Children project of Manava Bharathi during this International Year of the Child. This project will go a long way in fostering a global outlook among children.

Lion V. Venkatasubban, past President of the Lions Club of Nanjangud, presided.. Dr. R. N. Kesavamurthy, the Secretary of the Centre, proposed a vote of thanks.

Shillong The "World Union Day" was observed on 20-8-79 at Sri Aurobindo Pathagar by holding a public meeting under the Presidentship of Shri Ramesh Chandra, Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya. The meeting commenced with an opening song in Khasi by a group of students, namely Srimatis Mariam Dohtdong, Imilda Shullai Betil War and Kyntang Wahlong of Seng Khasi College, Shillong.

Sri R. N. Barua, a member of the Shillong Unit welcomed the audience and spoke on the significance of the day. Sriman Siddhartha Dey and Srimathi Minakshi Kakoti sang in Bengali and Assamese respectively. Dr. B. N. Sagar of the North Eastern Hill University and Dr. J. Joseph, Deputy Director, Botanical Survey of India spoke on the theme "Child as World Citizen". After the Presidential address the meeting ended with a closing song in Hindi by Shri Abani Dey..

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BEYOND NATIONALISM

As early as 1921 when the great scientist of this century, Albert Einstein, received the Nobel Prize, he made a memorable quote during his speech that: "Nationalism is an infantile disease. It is the measles of mankind."

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The River of Destiny

The River of Destiny, a project that unifies the world, is a small but well written booklet by Tharyan Abraham of 39/753 Kaloore Road, Ernakulam, Cochin 682018, (India). This booklet portrays the oncoming revolution that will suddenly evolve mankind. The writer is of the opinion that this revolution cannot be stopped and man's evolution will come from within spontaneously without confusion or compulsion of any kind. This project was originally presented in the World Constituent Assembly of the World Constitution and Parliament Association held at Colombo from the 29th December 1978 to the 6th January 1979. It was adopted by the Assembly as its project for World Unification.

The booklet has been dedicated to the Prime Minister of India, the United Nations, all the World Governments and all the World Universities of the world. The writer affirms that the world today is at the cross roads of its destiny. He refers to three possibilities that may overtake mankind within at the most 20 years from now. He thinks that the human civilization may blow out in a war/wars that will wipe out all meaningful life from earth. The second possibility is that one of the two conflicting ideological forces led by Soviet Union and the United States may win supremacy over the other and may create tensions and clashes. The writer envisages a third possibility, most natural to man namely an explosion of peace, friendship and cooperation between peoples and nations. India is chosen for beginning the initial phase of the New Revolution that will evolve man, for which the writer has given many reasons. He says: "Once the 'River of Destiny' is built and massive developmental projects taken up for the rest of the world for execution by humanity, the Battle of Peace will have been won. The world will then become a unity with national frontiers having fallen from the minds of humanity. Need for passports between countries may disappear. Man's

activities will be centrally guided and he will be acting in cooperation, discarding wasteful competition."

Forum for World Peace

Under the auspices of the Forum for World Peace, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat, Prof. Yashwant Shukla was invited on the 1st September 1979 to speak on "Peace and Human Unity". Dr. D. D. Jadeja, Secretary of the Forum welcomed the gathering.

Prof. Shukla observed that despite recurring conflicts between individuals and groups and rumblings of war that threatens annihilation of humanity the twin ideals of peace and human unity, though not yet realised, cannot be dismissed as idle dreams. Realisation of the ideal of world peace pre-supposes human unity. It is in the interest of human continuity that nations, even competing great powers, who waste enormous resources on military preparations, will have to learn to live together, otherwise they are destined to perish. Whether the period of postponement of war can be called peace? Prof. Shukla asked.

Prof. Shukla held that to talk of world peace and human unity was futile unless the individual, in whose mind war and peace originates achieved a peaceful temper. Let the individual cherish an indomitable faith that he is and all the individuals are part of the Omnipresent, Omnipotent God who dwells in good as well as evil; let him be determined not to be upset by any calamity or distress; let him maintain poise and equanimity in pleasure or pain; let him not be afraid of any one however mighty; nor frighten the weak; let him be faithful and humble; let him identify himself with all others who too like himself belong to God; let him shed prejudice and hatred and he will acquire a peaceful temper.

Socialisation of the child is an atmosphere free from fear, hatred, prejudice and rivalry ensures a peaceful frame of mind for him.

Prof. R. S. Trivedi, Vice-Chancellor, University of Bhavnagar who was in the Chair, argued in favour of being one's open self. One should delve deep into one's hidden self, he added. Dr. R. M. Patel, Vice-Chancellor, Sardar Patel University and Chairman of the Forum for World Peace participated in the discussion.

Sixth Triennial World Union World Convention at New Delhi in November 1979

We are happy to report that Mr. John B. S. Coats, International President of the Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras, wrote on 10-10-79 to Sri K. B. Jagadish, Hon. Secretary of World Union Madras Centre stating that owing to his previous engagement he was unable to attend the Celebration of the World Brotherhood Day on Tuesday, the 2nd October, 1979. Moreover he wrote: "I would like you to know however that I am in touch with the World Union International Centre in New Delhi and will be attending the Sixth Triennial Convention in New Delhi from the 23rd to the 27th November 1979.

"Best wishes to you and to your great work and please be in contact with me again for further celebrations and/or meetings."

IDEAL CHILD

(Sri Keshavjibhai — Sri Aurobindo Ashram)

INTRODUCTION:

It was in 1977 during the Mother's Centenary Year that by Her Grace a thought occurred to distribute some 2000 copies of the booklet "Ideal Child" by the Mother, to the students in Kutch District of Gujarat. When someone sent the required money for 2000 copies, we thought there were so many students in Kutch. What about them? The answer was 'Let us Try'. If it is the Mother's wish, the work will be done. We started collecting information. The number of students and teachers in Kutch District alone exceeded one lakh. The problem was how to collect funds for so many copies?

Once a letter was written to a person whom we never knew before (just seeing an address in one of the magazines) and the result was unexpected. He was very happy and grateful for that letter and sent a contribution of Rs. 1050/- for 3500 copies. Thus money started coming in and by the August Dharshan Day 1977, all the money required for Kutch District was received.

The first edition of the book "Ideal Child" which was printed in 1953 carried on the cover the words: "Let this book reach every child". One day suddenly its true significance was revealed and it was decided to endeavour to fulfil the Mother's expressed wish. Soon after, the work of translating and printing in many other languages was taken up. Until now it is printed in 13 Indian languages (Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi, Bengali, Oriya, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Urdu, Assamese, Sindhi, Sanskrit) and five Foreign Languages (English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish) and preparation is going on for printing it in other languages. About five lakhs copies of the booklet have already been supplied for free distribution to the students all over the world. Further orders are expected. We hope to receive many more orders from amongst yourselves.

COST DETAILS

The contribution for 1000 copies is Rs. 300/- only. The receipt for the contribution carries tax benefit to the donors. For overseas orders the contribution for despatch by surface mail is Rs. 500/- or \$. 70.00; and by air mail (except Americans) Rs. 800/- or \$. 115.00 and for Americans Rs. 1000/- or \$. 140.00. The retail price of this booklet is 50 Paise, postage extra, and it can be obtained from SABDA, Pondicherry 605002.

All cheques, bank drafts, may kindly be made payable to "Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry". All remittances and correspondence should be sent to Shri Keshavji, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry 605002, (India).

GENERAL: IYC & UNO

The year 1979 has been declared by the United Nations as the "International Year of

the Child". Indeed it would be a great achievement if this booklet could reach every child throughout the world during this "International Year of the Child"—if not to every child, to as many children as possible.

The United Nations International Year of the Child, New York, and Jaycees International—Florida, USA, have expressed their appreciation for the booklet "Ideal Child" and have published a brief note on it in their International Year of the Child Report, New York, and Theme Bulletin, Florida. Many enquiries have been received from all over the world after these announcements. The message of the Ideal Child has reached all the corners of the world with the Divine Grace.

The United Nations Charter for the Rights of the Child includes the following two rights which the booklet "Ideal Child" hopes to fulfil: (i) The right to learn to be a useful member of society and to develop individual abilities; and (ii) The right to be brought up in a spirit of peace and universal brotherhood. We are very much grateful to the Divine Mother for giving us this opportunity to make us Her Instrument to fulfil Her expressed wish. We welcome you to join us and share this opportunity.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

International (Pondicherry) In the October 1979 Focus we reported in brief the result of the essay competition for the World Union Day. The first prize was awarded to Chandra (aged 13½) of Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education, Pondicherry. We reproduce below her essay in the belief that it will interest the readers:

MY FUTURE WORLD

My future world awaits silently in my heart
Its aspiration rises upwards and brings
To me the clouds whose rains are blessings
That shall let my wonderful world come true.

I dream and think of my future world:

Sometimes it is like a garden—I have to loosen the hard soil and prepare myself so that a tree sprouts whose leaves will be always green and whose flowers will be my smiles. Sometimes my future world is a big white bird flying with wings outspread towards the sun and light, whose heart is full of song of the marvels that made this universe.

Yes, I am a creator, a creator of a little world. In this world are all the smiles that I have received, all the flowers that I have seen and the mountain I have climbed with the rope that I made with my will. My world is all the things I want to be and the reason of my being on earth.

West Bengal, Regional Centre The Executive Committee of the West Bengal Regional Centre held its meeting on 25-9-79 at New Dawn, 18A Ramdhona Mitra Lane, Calcutta 700004, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Biswanath Baral as the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Centre were absent. It was reported in the meeting that S.B. Account No. 79/785 dated 3-9-79 with Rs. 100.00 only and F.D. Account No. 79/2686 dated 18-9-79 with Rs. 11,000/- only had been opened in Mercantile Bank, Calcutta, as resolved in the previous Executive Meeting dated 20th May 1979. Surplus over expenditure regarding World Union Day at Kamarkundu had been decided to be deposited in the S. B. Account. Sri Samar Basu, in charge of fortnightly Regional Study Circle reported the present subject of discussion as "Hour of God, its Relevance with Future Evolution of Man" in that Study Circle. It was resolved to sanction Rs. 200.00 to conduct mobile book stall by the members of this Study Circle in the Puka Pandal of Asokenagar if books and photos be available on sale or return basis from SABDA with commission thereof. Further it was considered better to start for Delhi by 81UP (Deluxe) on 21st November latest for the delegates of the 6th World Conference to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee scheduled on the 23rd November 1979.

Bangalore The monthly meeting for October 1979 was held on 7-10-79, Prof. K. V. Gundu Rao presiding. The speaker was Sri C. V. Prakash and the subject was "World Unity from a Student's Angle". Sri C. V. Prakash, a merit student and a rank holder was chosen to give an idea of what students thought on the subject of "World Unity" as the future welfare and International Harmony of the world very much depended on the present generation of youth. The Centre was anxious to know what the students thought about their responsibilities and obligations in shaping the future world and what kind of guidance they expected from the elders,—hence the selection of a student as a speaker. Needless to add our efforts were very much rewarded.

Sri C. V. Prakash started by giving the reasons for the student unrest and their disinterestedness in their studies etc. and traced the same to the laxity in enforcing discipline by the elders in various walks of life and the indulgence shown by the parents towards their children. He laid the blame squarely on the parents for the degeneration of the youth and their standards of behaviour and said that the elders and parents should set good standards before the children and the upbringing should be more by precept and example rather than moralising and giving sermons. He said that children as mirrors would only reflect the good and bad in their parents and unless the parents set before the children correct standards they could not expect their children to grow according to their ideas. Unless the parents exhibit self restraint and have a code of conduct for their own behaviour they cannot expect a better behaviour from their children. The Society should also guide the youth and talk to them kindly with love and affection with a sincere desire to make them good citizens of the future. In this unkindly and harsh world the students are fast losing hopes and are feeling bewildered and lost. The situation could very well be reversed and saved if only they are assured of sincere and kind guidance from their elders.

The talk was certainly marked for its sincerity and genuine desire to get a better deal from all who are charged with the responsibility of shaping a better world. Prof. K. V. Gundu Rao welcomed the speaker and the members present. Smt. Bhuvaneswari Ramaswamy introduced the speaker and Sri M. K. Rameswaram proposed a vote of thanks.

Madras This Centre held a meeting on 2-10-79 to celebrate World Brotherhood Day under the Presidentship of Prof. A. N. Parasuram, Principal, Minerva Tutorial College. The Professor also delivered a lecture on Bhagavad Gita, Chapter II, and said that to develop a sense of Swadharma one must develop not only a sense of duty but also a sense of detachment. To achieve this one must not only control the Indriyas but also the senses. Man's reflexes can annihilate even Time, he said, and that God is ever ready to reach man.

Sri A. V. Subramaniam, I. R. P. S., Chief Personnel Officer, Southern Railway, who gave a structured lecture entitled "No Man Is An Island In Himself" explained how the deeper manifestations of life come from the spiritual side of things, while the physical, intellectual and emotional side, which are surface manifestations are to be properly understood. The physical side of life demonstrates man's propensity, among other things, to pollute everything on earth and spoil ourselves, the hazards of chemicals like DDT and other pollutants not being commonly realised. He elucidated how Peace, like happiness, is indivisible. (In the Chinese language the word for "Peace" is "HO-PINGG", the split up meaning of the very same word being "Food for All"). If you read geography you will realise that mountains and rivers do not respect national boundaries, and the rich nations, cannot deprive the small nations and get away with it for long. The newest religion of the world is the cult of sovereignty—a supreme cult which wants destruction and human beings to be sacrificed.

The intellectual aspect of life shows that we receive stimuli which plays upon our personality. But a good person does not respond wrongly to all kinds of stimuli. He quoted extensively from the Bhagavad Gita in this respect. Analysing the Emotional life of man, he gave the example of the criminals in the society who develop a private logic of their own and thereby live in an island. Similarly, the rich who concentrate on themselves and their own problems are driven in due course, for a cure, to Service Therapy, i.e., they have to help and look after others, to extend their personality. He then referred to Adhyatma Vidya, which Sage Bhurugu sought from his father Varuna and got the answers, explaining the common origin of all people, the Total Brotherhood, the Total Fraternity. He said that this idea of Total Fraternity should be an article of faith with all of us. The existence of the Spirit is missed by most people because of our tendency to classify things and propensity to see only the manifest differences—the differences which exist only in the verbal nomenclature. After the two brilliant lectures of Sri A. V. Subramaniam and Prof. A. N. Parasuram, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Sri K. B. Jagadish, the Hon. Secretary.

New Alipore On 14th June a special gathering was arranged at the residence of Dr. H. Ray. After a devotional song by Smt. Ashima De, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the purpose of World Union Centres. The modern world is very close to us today. Hence people should develop a world outlook, a global view in their daily life and problems. Man is mostly busy for his personal happiness; but individual is related to family, country, nation and the world and he cannot be isolated. So one must widen his consciousness to understand it. Sri Rajen Ganguly of Sri Aurobindo Ashram said that World Union is already there and we have to realise it only. He explained how the four powers of The Mother are working in the universe to establish global harmony and we should consciously participate in that. The meeting ended with Rabindra Sangeet by Smt. Bani Sen.

On 28th June Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed Karmayoga after a guitar recital by Smt. Mira Mukherjee. He referred to the writing of Dr. Gopinath Kaviraj in this connection. Dr. Kaviraj says that it is the human body only and none other, which has the capacity to be transformed into a Divine body. Karmayoga done for the purpose of self-realisation is the best way for this transformation. Man, with this capacity, should be conscious of it.

(NOTE:- We regret that the above report was received earlier but overlooked to be published).

A Peace Forum has been started since July to meet on the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:30 P.M. Members from different spiritual centres in West Bengal including the World Union Centres were invited. Calcutta and North Calcutta Centres took active participation in reading out quotations from "Conversations of The Mother". Sri Rabi Ghosh enchanted the Gurustotra in his melodious tone. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained at large the necessity of establishing peace within with suitable reference from "Prayers and Meditations". Prof. Biswanath Roy, on another occasion, stressed the importance of widening of consciousness at this present critical moment. Rishra Centre attended the September meeting. Tanuja Mukherjee entertained the audience with her self-tuned Sanskrit hymns.

Dr. Mukherjee with Mira Mukherjee and Tanuja Mukherjee of the Centre made a goodwill visit to different Sri Aurobindo Centres in Orissa in September. A list of the Centres was obtained from wide-hearted Sri Prapatti of Pondicherry Ashram through another Ashramite. Dr. Mukherjee visited the different Study Circles in Puri with warm reception everywhere, when he talked on Life and Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo, Mother as embodiment of World Union, Integral Yoga with 'Question-Answers' on different topics in different centres. A special gathering was arranged at their Bungalow in Puri when members of the different Study Circles were invited. After sweet Oriya music by a local girl, Mira Mukherjee talked on "Value of Prayer". Sri Purna Mahapatra, an eminent organiser of Integral Education all over Orissa, talked on his subject during which he said Education and Yoga has no difference. Dr. Mukherjee talked on world consciousness and summarised the idea of 'World Union'. He met personally Dr. D. N. Dutta, who has already started some work at Konarak. Dr. Dutta took active interest in World Union Movements and promised to think seriously of opening a World Union Centre in Puri, where there is none yet.

Dr. Mukherjee had a hearty reception by a large gathering within an hour's notice at Cuttack "Matru Mandir". Dr. Mukherjee began with a story of Sri Monoj Das and talked on various strata of human consciousness with special reference to the life of Sri Aurobindo and "Human Cycle". The audience was spell bound for about two hours. The Secretary Sri Gadadhar Misra invited him again for an elaborate programme in the near future. On their way back Dr. Mukherjee and others visited the magnificent Sri Aurobindo Bhavan at Bhubaneswar and had a friendly talk with some members there.

Hyderabad On 2nd October, Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday was observed by Sarvodaya Mandal and other allied Organizations in Gandhi Gnyan Mandir, Hyderabad. Along with Sri T. L. Kapadia, the Co-President of World Union Hyderabad Centre, Dr. P. N. Bindu the President of the Centre also had participated in the programme of the evening solemnly.

On the 19th August, the World Union Centre had passed a resolution to the effect that hereafter the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi be named as Human Brotherhood Day. Availing

of the opportunity again on 2nd october, Dr. P. N. Bindu had proposed the same resolution to the members of the Sarvodaya Mandal explaining that Gandhiji wanted all Indians to work for "World Community" and for the Brotherhood of Mankind. After that it was unanimously accepted by the huge gathering to name the Mahatma's Birthday as Human Brotherhood Day.

(NOTE:- In the last Focus 10/79 we mentioned the meeting place as: 2-1-444/1 University Road, Nallakunta, Hyderabad 500044, but it was at: Gandhi Gnyan Mandir, Tilak Park, Sultan Bazar).

Bhandarhati A symposium was arranged in B. M. Institution in collaboration with this Centre on 8-9-79. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee started with the subject "Science and Philosophy" in the light of Sri Aurobindo". He illustrated in his eloquent style how science has made our earthly life easy and prosperous since the primitive age. But it is based purely on mental or intellectual development which is limited. Hence the scope of science is also limited and it can not go beyond the material world. But man is not fully material and he has some connection with other subtle worlds in his vital and mental levels which is beyond the scope of science. This is his inner world—where comes the philosophy. Western countries have neglected this inner world of man and they have kept themselves busy in their outer scientific development. Hence they have become poor in their inner wealth. Reverse is the situation in eastern countries, where philosophy predominated since ancient age without caring for outer richness. Mother and Sri Aurobindo met together from West and East to build a spiritual science for the fulfilment of human life in this earth. Dr. Mukherjee also stated that in the course of evolution man has achieved so far the physical, vital and mental power. But behind all these there is a supreme power which is the creator of everything. It is philosophy and not science which recognises it. This is spiritual power and only this can harmonise the life on earth.

Towards the end, through a question—answer programme, Dr. Mukherjee explained in short how an intellectual can get in touch with inner world by Karmayoga and why India has a special spiritual heritage. The Seminar concluded in a pleasant atmosphere when the Headmaster summarised in brief the whole discussion with his thoughtful comment on the future of science.

Konnagar On the auspicious occasion of the 15th August 1979, the members of this Centre celebrated Sri Aurobindo's 108th Birth Anniversary through various programmes. Sri Satya Ranjan Dhar presided. After opening song offered by Kumari Samapti Das and group concentration with Sri Aurobindo's Durga Stotras, Sri Basudev Samanta spoke on "The 15th August and Sri Aurobindo". He pointed out a few salient features of cosmic significance of this day. The next item was oration by the student members of the Centre on the focal theme "Child as World Citizen". Sri Sanjeeb Bose and Kumari Nelly Choudhury participated individually in this oration. Thereafter, the student members organised a group recitation from 'Savitri' (a selected portion). The participants were Kumari Swapna Pal, Krishna Pal, Nelly Choudhury, Krishna Bhattacharya and Sri Subrata Sen (Asokenagar).

The last part of the programme was an enchanting cultural function open to public. It opened with a song offered by Sri Salil Das. It was exclusively written for this occasion. Thereafter, Smt. Dipti Das and Smt. Laboni Mazumdar's solo programme on devotional songs of Rabindranath and Najrul Islam were very impressive and enchanting. The programme ended at about 9:15 P.M. with a vote of thanks.

In a meeting of the members of this Centre held on 2-9-79, the local Executive Committee has been reconstituted as follows: (i) Dr. (Mrs.) Basanti Choudhury—Chairman; (ii) Sri Basudeb Ghosh—Secretary; and (iii) Sri Madhusudan Sinha—Treasurer. From now onward all correspondence may please be addressed to: Sri Basudeb Ghosh, Rishi Bankim Street, P. O. Konnagar 712235, Dt: Hooghly, (West Bengal)

The monthly meeting of this Centre was held on the 22nd of September 1979 at 'Dhyana Ashram' at 5:00 P.M. After opening song offered by Aparna Choudhury and group concentration, Sri Samar Basu spoke on "Sri Aurobindo's Relevance to Modern Age". He pointed out distinct features of the pre-historic age, dark age and modern age and explained the relevance of Sri Aurobindo to the modern age from various aspects. Thereafter Smt. Hasi Kana Roy, Headmistress, Hiralal Pal Balika Vidyalaya, spoke on "The Mother and the Ashram". The meeting terminated at about 7:30 P.M.

Tirupattur 20-8-79—Shri Raghunandan, a Life Member of Vivekananda Kendra, Kanya Kumari, was invited to conduct a short term course on yoga and cyclic meditation. The course lasted for eight days. An average of 60 persons attended the yoga classes daily between 6:15 A.M. to 7:30 A.M. and 40 persons attended the yoga cum cyclic meditation courses daily between 6:15 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

28-8-79—The Centre organised a valedictory function in a smart manner when Sub-Collector Shri R. Sella Muthu, I. A. S., presided. Thiru T. G. Viswanathan, President, Tamil Districts Theosophical Society, explained to the gathering the salient features of causal body karma, death, rebirth, etc. in a convincing simple manner. Shri Raghunandan enlightened the gathering by his simple, explanatory lecture on yoga and cyclic meditation and their effects in culturing mind and body. Thiru T. K. Chandrasekaran, Secretary, Tirupattur Branch proposed a vote of thanks. As a follow up, the yoga classes are still conducted daily between 6:15 A.M. to 7:30 A.M. in T. M. S. High School, Tirupattur N. A. [Admission Free.]

Uttarpara The following Executive Committee members were elected on 8th September, 1979: (i) Sri Ssmar Basu—Chairman; (ii) Sri Sushil Kr. Chakrabarty and Sri Manindra Nath Halder—Vice-Chairmen; (iii) Sri R. R. Agarwal and Sri Basudev Samanta—Joint Secretaries; (iv) Sri P. K. Banerjee—Asst. Secretary & Treasurer; (v) Sri Nakshatra Bhusan Nandy and Sri S. K. Gupta—Members; (vi) Parimal Roy—Member-in-Charge of Teacher-Student Work Shop; (vii) Dr. Sadananda Bhattacharya—Member-in-Charge of Medical Service Unit; and (viii) Km. Shampa Bhattacharya—Member-in-Charge of Children Wing. Sri K. N. Roy was appointed as the auditor.

The members of this Centre, assembled on Saturday, the 6th October 1979 at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith to convey their Vijaya Greetings, Love, Respect and Good Wishes to each other on the happy occasion of their first meet after the Puja. The 74th monthly meeting of this Centre was therefore observed as "Vijaya Sammelan Day". The newly elected Chairman Sri Samar Basu presided. After devotional song offered by K. Shampa, Banani and Nabanita and group concentration for three minutes, the Chairman in his short address explained the purpose of the happy meet and conveyed on behalf of the Centre, his love and good wishes to all the members and those who attended the Sammelan. Thereafter, he apprised the members of the future programmes of the Centre as of the ensuing Delhi Conference.

Then Sri Sanat Bodok offered a few devotional songs. PRASAD of the Mother was distributed. At the next Monthly Seminar on the 10th November 1979 at the lecture hall of Swami Nisambalananda Girls' College, the newly elected Jt. Secretary Sri Basudev Samanta would speak on "Sri Aurobindo on Evolution of Human Society and Future of Mankind." It was further proposed that Sri Aurobindo's "Social Philosophy" would have to be brought home to the students and teachers of various colleges situated in the area, and therefore, a very well-knit programme for the purpose be chalked out for implementation right from the beginning of the next year.

New Centres

C. N. S. Sukhchar This Centre (Calcutta North Suburban Sukhchar Centre) was opened recently with Sri Jogindra Nath Mazumdar as Chairman and Mrs. Maya Mazumdar as Secretary. The address of the Centre is that of the Chairman being: Raja Road, P.O. SUKHCHAR, Dt: 24 Parganas, (West Bengal).

Bon-Hooghly World Union Bon-Hooghly Centre was opened on 30-9-79—the address being: Bon-Hooghly Government Quarters, 104 B. T. Road, Calcutta 700035. Sri Kalidas Karmakar is the Chairman and Smt. Krishna Bhattacharya the Secretary.

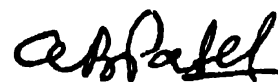
World Union Building Fund

Acknowledged in Last FOCUS—9/79	Rs. 1,50,340 - 57
Sri Chunilal Goswami (Calcutta)	25 - 00
Sri Sumit Goswami (Calcutta)	25 - 00
TOTAL	Rs. 1,50,390 - 57

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General Secretary
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DEMOCRACY OR MOBOCRACY?

A democratic organization has to dare to do the right at all cost. He who panders to the weaknesses of a people degrades both himself and the people and leads them not to democratic but mob rule. The line of demarcation between democracy and mobocracy is often thin but rigid and stronger than steel unbreakable. The one leads to life and progress, the other is death pure and simple. In the ultimate analysis, the cause of our fall is to be sought from within and not from without. All the empires of the world could not have bent us, if as a people we had been above suspicion and temptation. This may not be regarded as a mere truism. If we recognize fundamental facts we would be true and patient and able to deal with whatever difficulty that may face us from within or without.

Mahatma Gandhi

in "Harijan" dated 31-1-1946

..... Nothing is so easy as to train mobs, for the simple reason that they have no mind, no premeditation. They act in a frenzy. They repent quickly... non-cooperation I am using in order to evolve democracy.

Mahatma Gandhi

in "Young India"

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Elections to the Lok Sabha and to the Assemblies

Elections to the Lok Sabha and to the Assemblies of some States in India will take place in the beginning of the next year. All thoughtful persons will pray that these elections will be held peacefully and in an orderly manner and the majority of elected members will work for the good and progress of the country. Situation in the country is not very assuring. Violence has increased, crimes are increasing, the maintenance of law and order has increasingly become difficult in almost all parts of India, particularly in the North Eastern States. Weaker sections of the population are in fear about their safety. The behaviour

of politicians in the Parliament, Assemblies and in their outside activities is often, to say the least, irresponsible and childish. Most of the politicians become irritated at the slightest cause, hardly have any self-control over their tempers, tongues or behaviour. Without doubt they do not exercise desirable influence on or set a good example to people.

Present Politicians

The present politicians have an opportunity to look ahead in the general interest and for the good of the country, but they fail to do it and it seems that they are constitutionally incapable of doing so. What Sri Aurobindo wrote about politicians more than half a century ago aptly applies to the present politicians working at the State or National level in India. Sri Aurobindo wrote: "Nothing of the kind can be asserted of the modern politician in any part of the world; he does not represent the soul of a people or its aspirations. What he does usually represent is all the average pettiness, selfishness, egoism, self-deception that is about him and these he represents well enough as well as a great deal of mental incompetence and moral conventionality, timidity and pretence. Great issues often come to him for decision, but he does not deal with them greatly; high words and noble ideas are on his lips, but they become rapidly the claptrap of a party. The disease and falsehood of modern political life is patent in every country of the world and only the hypnotised acquiescence of all, even of the intellectual classes, in the great organised sham cloaks and prolongs the malady, the acquiescence that men yield to everything that is habitual and makes the present atmosphere of their lives. Yet it is by such minds that the good of all has to be decided, to such hands that it has to be entrusted, to such an agency calling itself the State that the individual is being more and more called upon to give up the government of his activities. As a matter of fact, it is in no way the largest good of all that is just secured, but a great deal of organized blundering and evil with a certain amount of good which makes for real progress, because Nature moves forward always in the midst of all stumblings and secures her aims in the end more often in spite of man's imperfect mentality than by its means".

Rajasic and Tamasic Natures

For several centuries, on account of historical reasons, an average man in India had become tamasic. He was unwilling to change, unwilling to adopt even beneficial new ideas, new way of living, new systems and mostly looked to the past for his social and economic life. He hardly showed necessary energy or activity to make life worth living. His present attitude and conduct full of energy and activity to an extent of using violence recklessly and burning even public properties, etc., is obviously a step forward, because his tamasic nature has largely changed into a rajasic one. It is a progress. Now it lies with the leaders of India to introduce an element of satwicta into his rajasic nature so that an average person in India begins to live a life of energy and activity for constructive and useful purposes. That responsibility devolves on the present leaders of India. Will leaders of India rise to that level and fulfil such an essential responsibility? We hope that the next elections will bring forward leaders who will be able to influence people of India to move towards satwic attitudes.

Kamath's Bill in the Dissolved Lok Sabha

In the dissolved Lok Sabha Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath's Bill, to amend the article 51 of India's Constitution enabling the Government of India to convene a World Constituent Assembly for drafting a Constitution for a Federal World Government, was fixed for discussion in February 1980. However, as the Lok Sabha has been dissolved that Bill has lapsed. We hope that Shri Kamath will be re-elected to the Lok Sabha and will re-introduce the Bill in the Lok Sabha. In case Shri Kamath is not a member of the next Lok Sabha, we hope that there will be a member in the Lok Sabha believing strongly in the need to re-introduce that Bill.

Federal World Government

Anyone who is well-informed about the present world conditions, about the difficult world problems which face humanity and demand urgent solutions and about interdependence of nations will hardly hesitate to influence the Parliament of India to take an initiative towards the formation of Federal World Government. The great scientist Albert Einstein said once: "For my self I am absolutely convinced that a world state is inevitable in the coming history of mankind — if we permit history to continue without a mutation.

"I think there are only three ways it can or could happen - by conquest, by catastrophe, or by consent. Given the state of modern weaponry and defense, the first is impossible and the second unthinkable. This leaves only the third way—consent—which is merely highly improbable".

The most important obstacle to the evolution of a World Government is a false sense of national interests in opposition to the interests of humanity as a whole, the unwillingness of man to transfer his paramount loyalty from one fragment of the human race and the unwillingness of the nation states to invest a portion of their sovereignty to a world authority for the common good of the inhabitants of this planet earth. There is, however, a growing consciousness that the world has become one and nationalism in the old sense, which served its purpose in the evolutionary process, is now an obstacle to the creation of an urgently needed sound world order. The sovereignty of a nation state has also served its purpose as a step in the evolutionary process, but it is now an obstacle to the progress towards a world unification. One gets reminded of what Mr. Albert Einstein wrote to a friend in 1932: "The craving for power which characterises the governing class in every nation is hostile to any limitation of the national sovereignty".

We hope that the Indian leaders will remind themselves of the opinions of Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Dr. S. Radhakrishnan all of whom were in favour of a Federal World Government. Will the leaders of India rise to their highest stature and meet the demand of the Time-Spirit in this regard?

Destiny of India

It is reported that at the close of the last century Swami Vivekananda said that India was not destined to be an affluent nation, India was not destined to be a military power,

India was destined to accumulate spiritual power which will flood the whole world.

Unfortunately, the Indian political leaders have mostly imitated or blindly copied Soviet Russia, USA, West Germany, Japan, United Kingdom and other industrialised countries but have hardly given thought to provide opportunities to India to flower out her genius, inner capacity and inherent characteristics and to manifest and express her true soul. Such a course will lead India to a rapid progress in all walks of life. We must learn from other nations or peoples whatever good they have but we should not copy or imitate blindly. What we learn from others must be duly assimilated and become part of our life and not merely remain slogans to be shouted.

India's Soul and Mission

The Mother of Sri Aurobindo Ashram said once: "There must be a group forming a strong body of cohesive will with the Spiritual Knowledge to save India and the world. It is India that can bring Truth in the world. By manifestation of Divine Will and Power alone India can preach her message to the World and not by imitating the materialism of the West. By following the Divine Will India shall shine at the top of the spiritual mountain and show the way of Truth and organise World Unity".

India is destined to play a great role in the global reconstitution. Sri Aurobindo assigns to India a crucial role – a mighty destiny and a heavy responsibility – because he considers India the repository of spiritual consciousness, the guardian of Truth, and he envisages that in the new age of world unification India's national being will act as a spearhead breaking the present world formations and giving a new shape to history. From this point of view the spiritual heritage of India and its renaissance becomes significant not only for her own growth and fulfilment but in the destined unity of mankind. Will the candidates for the Lok Sabha and Assemblies elections and the voters fulfil their responsibility adequately? These leauers elected to the Parliament and Assemblies can earnestly and sincerely endeavour to fulfil the destiny of India, and help the onward evolutionary march of the world.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

REPORT by Sri S. Krishnamurthy of his Lecture Tour in Maharashtra and Gujarat during October and November 1979:-

(1) Visited Bombay, Baroda, Ahmedabad, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Surat and Bombay.

(2) Number of days on tour: 17 days.

(3) Number of lectures delivered: Ten being:- (a) Four lectures in Bombay—Organized by Sri N. S. Rao and Sri N. S. Amin; (b) Three lectures in Baroda—Organized by Sri Ambapremi D. Shah; (c) One lecture in Ahmedabad—Organized by Sri Rambhai N. Amin; (d) One lecture in Vallabh Vidyanagar—Organized by Dr. R. M. Patel, Sri R. M. Patel and Dr. D. D. Jadeja; and (e) One lecture in Surat—Organized by Sri Aniruddh Smart.

(4) Attendance at lectures: About fifty in Bombay in three lectures and fifteen in another; about 500 persons attended lectures in Baroda; about 150 in Ahmedabad; about fifty in Vallabh Vidyanagar and about 250 in Surat.

(5) Those who attended the lectures were intellectuals having spiritual inclination. They showed keen interest in World Union and its aims and objects. If suitable follow-up work is done it is possible to make our Centres quite strong in these places.

(6) Some of the titles of the lectures delivered were: "Challenge of the New Age"; "World Union and World Unity"; "Fearless Living"; "Liberation here and now and never Tomorrow"; "Spirituality—Its meaning and Application"; "Education for a full responsible Living" and "Meditation—A Mutation from the Known to the Unknown". (All the lectures had the central scheme of World Unity and its need today in the world).

(7) This tour has created some interest in some of the people who attended the lectures in World Union in general and in those who arranged the lectures in particular. Thanks are due to Dr. Kamoooben Patel who spared no pains in organising this tour in the midst of her work in Delhi at present. I am personally grateful to her for all the help and care taken in the work.

REMARKS: The tour could have been more useful if it had been planned earlier. I am used to planned tours and plan months in advance which avoids hurry which is tiring. World Union Centres are not active in the places Dr. Kamoooben and I visited. They need to become more active. Sri N. S. Amin of Bombay will be retiring from service early next year. I requested him to devote all his time for World Union work and he agreed. I hereby recommend him as Coordinator for that region. He is agreeable to tour and work as a Coordinator if appointed as he is free economically. He has required quality of humility and dedication for the work.

On the whole the tour was a great success. May the Divine bring out whatever is possible in all these places of our visit removing limitations and shortcomings resulting in progress under Divine Grace and Guidance.

World Union Centres

Amta On 16-9-79 the Seminar for September 1979 was held in the Centre under the Presidentship of Sri Rebati Ranjan Banerjee. The main speaker was Sri Subodh Ch. Maitra. It started with "Mother's Voice" as relayed by Sri Kumar Mukherjee vide tape record. The opening song was very melodiously sung by Sri Gour Gopal Deb. Sri Subodh Ch. Maitra presented the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo with various quotations from Upanishads and Veda in such a way that all present were overwhelmed. It created a stir amongst the audience in such a way that everyone opened their hearts to devote themselves for the movement of World Union. It created a wholesome atmosphere for the spread of the movement.

On 7-10-79 the Seminar for October 1979 was held in the premises of the Centre under the Presidentship of Sri Rebati Ranjan Banerjee. The main speakers were Sri Indra Bhusan Suigha Roy (who has recently returned from England) and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee. The subjects of the Seminar were "Integral Yoga" and "Yoga and World Union Movement". Sri

Suigha Roy after giving a brief account of his tour abroad and the World Union Movement spoke about Integral Yoga with so much depth that after sometime it seemed as if it was not he but rather an unknown force within him that was speaking through him. Everyone was overwhelmed. Then Dr. Mukherjee elucidated the Yoga and World Union Movement so nicely that everyone was convinced that without the human beings upliftment to higher levels, the salvation of mankind is not possible. It touched the hearts of all present who pledged for the success of the movement in the area for collective rising to the higher hemisphere.

Alambazar The monthly meeting of this Centre was held on 4-11-79 at the residence of the Secretary. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, who was present as a special invitee, was requested to speak something on the subject matters to be taken up for talks by the participants in the ensuing Sixth Triennial Convention in New Delhi. Sri Bhattacharjee, thereupon, explained in details the reason and significance of selection of the subjects. He considered that the prospects of the United Nations being Converted into Supra-National Organization was not feasible for obvious reasons. The progress of Education for One World was but imperative and pre-conditioned, a factor which is to be effectively pursued either for the Constitution of the Federation of Earth ratified and accepted or to create environment to make Democratic Federal World Government possible.

Bangalore In a business meeting of the Centre held on 4-11-79, presided by Prof. Gundu Rao, Sri M.K. Rameswaram gave details and required information about the Sixth Triennial Convention. It was noted that no information about lodging in Delhi for delegates from Bangalore was received so far.

Rishra The 8th and 9th Seminars for the month of September 1979 were held on Wednesday evenings—5-9-79 and 12-9-79 respectively. In the 8th Seminar, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed the topics of Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the theory of preceptorship and the aphorism of meditation.

In the 9th Seminar, Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya illuminated on the issue—"Sakta and Vaishnav attitudes are complementary and not contradictory. Love without Power is futile and Power without Love is blind. Reference in Bankim Chandra's Ananda Math, the devotees' love—there is found to be 'Santa' and 'Goswamy' both at a time". On other Wednesdays—the hymn of Shri Durga and selected portion from "Words of the Mother" were read out by the Secretaries after usual group concentration. The Seminars ended with thanks to the respected speakers and the Chair.

In the evenings of all Wednesdays dated 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st October 1979 at the Centre's Office—the hymn of Shri Durga and group concentration was sung as usual and the 10th Seminar was also held.

3-10-79 Sri E. Chakraborty (General Secretary) read out selected portions from "Mother's Conversations". What is the relation between the love of Bhagawat and the love of Man? What is the impediment in human love and the love of Bhagawat? One's love to man is to love in God in a greater extent—Is it not true?

10-10-79 Shri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya discussed the question – What is the real activity of intellectual Power? There are two frequentations of intelligence - one is to help in realising the Truth of the Spirit and the other is to prevent the same. The intellectual power is the instrument of our activities and also of evolution.

17-10-79 In the monthly meeting held at 6:00 P.M. Shri B. Chakraborty, the General Secretary and Shri A. Roy, Secretary of Rishra Centre have been selected to represent at the Special Executive Committee meeting of World Union International Centre to be held on the 23rd November 1979 at New Delhi.

24-10-79 Sri P. Goswamy, Secretary, read out selected portions from Sri Aurobindo's "The Mother" – Vth Chapter. Sri Joydeb Das, Secretary, read out selected portions of VIth Chapter from "The Mother"—the four fundamental powers of the Mother are represented by: MAHESHWARI, MAHALAKSHMI, MAHAKALI and MAHASARASWATI.

31-10-79 Sri P. Goswamy and Sri J. Das (Secretaries) read out selected portions from "The Mother"—IV Chapter. Money is the gross material form of the universal power. This Power is indispensable for the planitude of external life. Sri J. Das, read out from the 2nd part of "Marti Bani".

10th Seminar Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the primary stages of meditation. (i) External Sense of Yoga; and (ii) Inner Sense of Yoga – eight processes are needed for concentration of mind. He gave an outline of these processes. The discussion ended with thanks to Dr. Mukherjee and the Chair.

Uttarpara The 75th monthly meeting of this Centre was held on Saturday the 10th November 1979 at the Rotary Hall of Swami Niswambalananda Girls' College, Bhadrakali at 6:00 P.M. when Shri Samar Basu presided. Kumari Banani Dasgupta offered devotional songs. As decided in the previous meeting the subject discussed in the monthly Seminar was—"Sri Aurobindo on Evolution of Human Society and the Future of Mankind".

In his introductory address the Chairman explained the necessity of discussing such subjects before the student community. He also apprised the members all about the Sixth Triennial Convention to be held in New Delhi. Four delegates from Uttarpara Centre including the Chairman would attend the Convention. He also requested all members to participate in the Group Meditation to be held to observe the 17th November and 20th November at the premises of the office of this Centre in a manner befitting to its significance and sanctity. The Centre would also observe the 24th November—Darshan Day.

Then Sri Basudev Samanto, Jt. Secretary of the Centre, spoke at length on the subject with special stress on Sri Aurobindo's views on 'Materialism', 'Collectivism', 'Civilisation and Culture', as also his contribution to Freedom Movement quoting relevant lines from the Indu Prakash, the Bande Mataram and the Karma Yogin. The Chairman thereafter concluded saying that the subject was vast and needed elucidation and therefore it would be dealt with in the next meeting also. With a vote of thanks to the college-authority the meeting ended at about 8:00 P.M.

New Centres

Kanpur This Centre was recently formed under encouragement and guidance from Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, the Coordinator of World Union in the Northern Region. Sri Parmarthi Krishna Kumar Gupta is the President; Dr. S.M.P. Tewari – Vice-President; Sri R. K. Awasthi—Secretary and Sri B. R. Mishra—Joint Secretary. The address of the Centre is that of the President, being: 133-M, Parna Kutti, Parmarth Puri, Kidwainagar, KANPUR 208011 (U.P.)

Sondekoppa This Centre was inaugurated on 4-11-79. The function commenced with an invocation by Chi. Sathish and lighting of the lamp by Sri K. Ganga Setty a senior member of Bangalore Centre. The message of good wishes received from Sri A.B. Patel, World Union International, Pondicherry, was read out by Sri B. Krishnaswamy. Sri M.K. Rameswaram, Secretary, Bangalore Centre and Coordinator of World Union in the Southern Region explained at length the scope and the functions of World Union Centres and the necessity of opening New Centres. Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row also spoke and impressed on the members the need to foster fellow-feeling and unity in diversity. Sri K.S. Shridharan who presided over the function gave the presidential remarks. The function ended with a vote of thanks and singing of National Anthem.

The Office-bearers of the Centre are:- Chairman—Sri V. Gangappa; Vice-Chairman—Sri Podda Narasimhiah; and General Secretary & Treasurer—Sri B. Krishnaswamy (who earlier belonged to Bangalore Centre). The Executive Committee Members are:- Sri Mudda Setty and Sri Ganga Narasimhiah. The address of the Centre is that of the Secretary being: Keshav Nagar, Sondekoppa, TAVAREKERE 562130, Dt: Bangalore (Karnataka State).



General Secretary
November 20, 1979



WORLD UNION MEETINGS

The vibrations of creative, constructive or positive thoughts, words or actions travel around the world swiftly and lodge in receptive minds. Individuals, institutions and groups who initiate or help in spreading such vibrations may well become instruments of the Divine towards raising earth life to a higher level. No good work done goes in vain.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Welcome Invitations

We are happy to announce that the delegates from Lucknow attending the New Delhi Convention extended an invitation to hold the Third National Convention of World Union Centres in India at Lucknow in the last quarter of 1981 and the Bombay delegates offered to hold the Seventh Triennial World Union Conference at Bombay in the last quarter of 1982. World Union is glad to accept these invitations, details of which will be published in due course.

Sixth Triennial World Union Convention

The reports of the proceedings of the Sixth Triennial Convention, and the meetings of the Executive Committee, of the Central Council of World Union India Centre and the World Council of World Union will be published in February 1980 journal. It is not practical to publish these in the January journal, as the manuscript for January journal is already in press and A. B. Patel, who returned to Pondicherry on the 13th December 1979 noon, has hardly time to prepare the necessary reports. He will have to prepare minutes of the Executive Committee and World Council meetings, prior to the publication of their reports.

The Sixth Triennial Convention was inaugurated by Justice Shri Hidayatullah, Vice-President of India, at Aivan-E-Ghalib Auditorium on the 24th November 1979 at 10:00 A.M. when Justice Deshpande, the Chief Justice of the Delhi Court presided. The inauguration function commenced with a song by the students of the Mother's International School in New Delhi followed by an invocation by Smt. Karuna Devi of Sri Aurobindo Ashram Delhi

Branch who referred to the message of Nolini Kanta Gupta of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, conveying Mother's blessings for the Convention. Thereafter Shri Gurudeep Manocha read his welcome address, Justice Shri Hidayatullah delivered his inaugural address and Justice Deshpande delivered his presidential speech. Shri Chhedilal, former Lt. Governor of the Pondicherry State, proposed a vote of thanks.

On the 27th November afternoon Mr. John B. S. Coats, International President of the Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras, presided over the session of the Convention. The final Statement of the Convention, arising out of the proceedings of the Convention and prepared by a Committee comprising of Shri Gurudeep Manocha, Justice Jaswant Singh, Justice Tatachari, Dr. Prem Kirpal, Shri Rohit Mehta and A. B. Patel was read from the Chair and adopted by the Convention with applause. The Statement reads:

The Sixth Triennial Convention of World Union International was inaugurated by Hon. Justice M. Hidayatullah, Vice-President of India, on the 24th November, 1979 and was presided over by Justice Deshpande, Chief Justice of Delhi. A number of Supreme Court Judges, Jurists, thinkers, philosophers and intellectuals addressed the Convention for four days from the 24th to 27th November, 1979. After careful deliberations the following Statement was adopted by the Convention.

This Convention after thoughtful consideration recognized that a World Union is an imperative need of the hour to solve adequately world problems facing humanity, which problems are becoming increasingly more difficult and complicated. A world union of free and independent nations, realising unity in diversity of peoples, safeguarding fundamental freedoms and the freedom and the growth of an individual and creating conditions in which no nation will be subordinate to another, is a goal worth striving for. If the United Nations, which is the boldest and highest endeavour of humanity to realise the Age-Old dream of human unity and which, along with its allied agencies, has done wonderful work in helping to liquidate colonialism, in fighting racialism, in limiting or stopping conflicts and/or wars between nations and in promoting human rights, can transform itself into a Democratic Federal World Government, it will be a very welcome process. But its inability to revise its Charter, particularly the provisions relating to the veto power of the big five in the Security Council, of unlimited national sovereignty and of non-interference in the internal affairs of a nation even when human rights are grossly violated and the lack of international law to enforce resolutions adopted by the Security Council and General Assembly of the U.N. raised a serious doubt about the possibility of the evolution of the U.N. into a World Government.

To create a necessary world order enforceable in law either by the transformation of the U.N. into a world authority or by bringing into existence a Democratic Federal World Government by other means, major and radical efforts for providing necessary education regarding the concept of one world is called for and is urgently needed. The orderly evolution of the human race towards the fulfilment of its rightful destiny demands such an education. Only the lack of proper understanding of the present world conditions or the imbecility of the human race can prevent it from providing education in all countries of the world for the promotion of one world.

This Convention welcomes all efforts by individuals and organisations around the world towards the promotion of the Democratic Federal World Government and appeals to political

leaders of every nation to examine this need from the larger interests of the Planet Earth and mankind and not from the narrow and selfish angle of their nation, which is merely a fragment of earth. This Convention also appeals to all political leaders and others to apply seriously their thoughts to the dangers humanity is facing in the form of many world problems such as the daily threat of nuclear war, multiplied by the spread of nuclear weapons both directly and through the back door of power production; environmental destruction in dozens of ways; death of the oceans from oil and pollution of all sorts, population growth beyond earth's carrying capacity; growing conflicts over scarce resources; food and water crisis etc. The list could go on in detail for pages. This makes it urgently necessary to promote a Democratic Federal Government empowered to solve world problems for the good of all by a world legislative responsible to the people of earth; a world government which can at the same time preserve and increase civil freedoms by eliminating the coercions of national military priorities as well as the coercions of growing global crises.

This Convention welcomes the Constitution for the Federation of Earth adopted by the World Constituent Assembly at Innsbruck (Austria) in June 1977 and recommends the careful study of its provisions by parliamentaries of all countries.

Next morning after the Convention Shri Gurudeep Manocha released a press Statement which will be published in the February 1980 journal along with important information about the Convention.

Other Meetings

A Special Meeting of the Executive Committee of World Union was held at the residence of Shri Gurudeep Manocha on the 23rd November 1979 at 2-30 P.M. when Sri N. S. Rao presided. The proceedings of the meeting will be mentioned in the February 1980 issue of the journal and the minutes will be circulated soon to all concerned.

The seventh meeting of the Central Council of World Union India Centre was held on 25th November 1979 at 6:00 P.M. under the Chairmanship of Sri N. S. Rao at the premises of Bahai's House. The proceedings of the meeting will be referred to in February 1980 issue of the journal. We wish to inform all concerned that the term of the present Central Council was extended until such time as an India National Centre could be organised in accordance with the decisions taken by the Executive Committee on 23rd November.

The meeting of the World Council of World Union was held at Avian-E-Ghalib Auditorium under the Chairmanship of Sri N. S. Rao. The proceedings of the meeting will be published in February 1980 journal and prior to that the minutes of the meeting will be circulated to all concerned.

Tour of the General Secretary

A. B. Patel attended the Sixth Triennial World Union Convention at New Delhi from the 24th to the 27th November 1979 and the meetings of the Executive Committee, Central Council of World Union India Centre and World Council of World Union. On the 28th November morning he addressed a gathering of the students of Manava Bharati School, New Delhi, con-

continued under the able guidance of Dr. D.P. Pandey, on "Human Unity" and attended a meeting the same morning at the premises of Swami Poorna Swatantra when a New World Union Delhi Centre was organised. He spoke to a small group of friends at Ahmedabad on the 30th November on "World Consciousness". He addressed a meeting, including the members of the Forum for World Peace, at Nalini Arvind and T.V. Patel Arts College of Vallabh Vidyanagar on the subject of "Sixth Triennial Convention" when Dr. R. M. Patel, Vice-Chancellor of the Sardar Patel University and Dr. Jadeja, Principal of Nalini Arvind and T.V. Patel Arts College were present. He spoke at a meeting at Gunatit Jyot of Vallabh Vidyanagar in Gujarati on "The shaping of a New Age". The meeting was well attended. He spoke on the 3rd December at Sri Aurobindo Nivas, Baroda, on "The shaping of a New Age" in Gujarati and on the 6th December on "Integral Yoga" in Gujarati. At Surat he addressed a well attended meeting on "India's Role in World Unity" when Justice B.A. Patel presided. At Sahkar Building, Bombay, he spoke to a small gathering on "Some Aspects of the Teaching of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother" on the 9th December morning and discussed with members of World Union matters concerning the Seventh Triennial World Union Conference to be held at Bombay in the first quarter of 1982. A Committee was announced for attending to the necessary work for the proposed Conference with Sri N.S. Rao as Chairman and Sri N.S. Amin as Secretary. At Poona he addressed a gathering at Marathi Sahitya Mandal Hall at 6:30 P.M. on "Rapidly Moving Events in the World" when Sri Appasaheb Pant, who was a diplomat of India in several countries for many years, presided.

New Executive Committee for the next three years

The Executive Committee of World Union for a period of next three years [1980, 1981 and 1982] was elected by the World Council on the 27th November. The names of the Office-bearers and the members of the New Committee are as follows:

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ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Bon-Hooghly The second meeting of this Centre was held on 4-11-79 at the residence of the Chairman Shri K. Karmakar at H/222 Netaji-Colony, Calcutta 700050. The meeting, well attended by more than thirty interested people both men and women, commenced at 4:30 P.M. After the opening song by Km. Banasree Bhattacharya, Shri Dulal Paul, Treasurer, introduced the Chairman to all present and narrated the aim of World Union i.e. great necessity in these days. Dr. Bhattacharya of this locality recited the "Durga Stotra" of Sri Aurobindo, followed by meditation for 10 minutes. Shri Haradhan Chandra explained his views about World Union. The meeting concluded after the address of the Chairman on the teaching of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

Konnagar The monthly meeting was held on October 13, 1979 at 5:00 P.M. at the house of Sri Satyen Roy Choudhury. It was a happy meet after Puja—generally called "Vijaya Sammelan". Sri Sailendranath Roy-Choudhury presided. After opening song by Kumari Samapti Das and group concentration, the President in his short address explained the purpose of the happy meet on behalf of the Centre and good wishes to all the members who attended the Sammelan.

The next item was recitation from Sri Aurobindo's literary works by the members of Konnagar, Uttarpara and Ashoknagar Centre. Kumari Swapna Pal, Nelly Choudhury, Sri Swapan Roy (Ashoknagar) and Sri Basudev Samanta (Uttarpara) participated individually in this session. Self composed poems were presented by Sri Swapan Roy (Ashoknagar). The programme ended at about 8:15 P.M. with a vote of thanks.

The monthly meeting of this Centre was held on 4th November 1979 at 4:00 P.M. at "Ashirvad", III Haran Banerjee Lane, Konnagar. It commenced with group concentration. Thereafter, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke in continuation of the series of his talks on "Self and Sadhana" with the comment that the true purpose of World Union Centres was to find out the self for the manifestation of universal consciousness. He said that man was in transition between animal and God, Man had a Divine destiny and was a creation of God to fulfil his own purpose. His primary job was an inward journey for self realisation. The meeting ended at about 6:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the Centre was held on 24th November 1979 at 6:00 P.M. at "Ashirvad", III Haran Banerjee Lane, Konnagar. After opening songs offered by Smt. Swapna Chakraborty and group concentration, Sri Basudev Samanta spoke on Sri Aurobindo's Siddhi Dibas". He elucidated the cosmic significance of this auspicious day from various aspects. Thereafter, Sri Satyen Roy Choudhury delineated in brief the life and Sadhana of Sri Aurobindo vis-a-vis the Yoga of the Gita. He explained that Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana cannot be fully appreciated without a thorough understanding of the yoga as enunciated in the Gita. Sriman Anit Das's solo programme of devotional songs in melodious tone was very much appreciated. The meeting terminated at about 8.30 P.M. with a vote of thanks.

Nanjangud Exhibition of International Year of the Child and U.N. photographs and posters was arranged twice: (a) On 23rd November 1979 at the Government Junior College, Nanjangud, under the joint auspices of World Union Nanjangud Centre, WCPA Karnataka Chapter and Government Junior College; and (b) On 8th December 1979—at J.S.S. College, Nanjangud, in collaboration with World Union Nanjangud Centre and WCPA Karnataka Chapter.

Most of the photographs and posters were in colour and covered all the aspects of the International Year of the Child and the U.N.—supported by appropriate literature. In both places the exhibition aroused keen interest among students as well as staff members who got first hand information about the social habits, industrial, scientific and educational developments of various countries. The students found new concepts and were delighted. Sri G.A. Ramanna, Principal of the Government Junior College and Sri D.M. Shantappa the Principal of the J.S.S. College thanked Lion Prof. K.S. Viswanathan, the President of both the collaborating organisations and expressed special appreciation for sparing the coloured exhibits.

Sondekoppa The second monthly meeting was held on 16-12-79 at Sri Channakesavaswamy Proudha Vidyashala with Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row in Chair. After invocation by Sri Ganga Hanumiah, Sri M. K. Rameswaram Secretary, World Union Bangalore Centre spoke on how the organisation tries to bring all mankind together and develop in them a sense of unity in diversity, affection and mutual respect for each other. He also gave a detailed review of the social content of the Sixth Triennial Convention held in New Delhi in November 1979. Sri K.S. Sridharan and Sri M. Munivenkatappa also spoke requesting the members to build up their Centre and give it a stature by enrolling more members and assured them of their support.

Dr.T. Prasannasimha Row in his presidential remarks traced the evolution of the World Union Centres and the significance of the Triennial Conventions. The meeting came to a close with a vote of thanks by Sri B. Krishnaswamy, Secretary and Treasurer and singing of national anthem.

Uttarpara (a) On the 17th November 1979 the members of this Centre met at the Office premises at 6.30 P.M. and joined the group meditation after flower offering to the portrait of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo and solemnly observed the occasion of the Mother's leaving of Her physical body.

(b) The members of this Centre observed in a befitting manner the 'Maha Siddhi Day' of Sri Aurobindo on the 24th November 1979 at 6:00 P.M. at the premises of the Centre, when Km. Banani Dasgupta and Shampa Bhattacharya read out their papers on the "Significance of the Siddhi Divas" after offering devotional song.

76th Monthly Meeting:- Sri Manindra Nath Halder, an old devotee of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo and a very active member of this Centre (recently elected as a Vice-Chairman) breathed his last at Varanasi at about 6.30 A.M. on the 30th November 1979. His death was sudden and shocking. So the 76th monthly meeting of this Centre was adjourned after observing 5 minutes silence for prayer and paying homage to the departed soul. Sri Sushil Kr. Chakrabarty—the other Vice-Chairman of the Centre, Shri Sadhindra Kr. Gupta—Ex.

Chairman, Prof. Buddhadev Chakrabarty, Dr. Sadananda Bhattacharya and Samar Basu spoke a few words in memory of and as tribute to the beloved friend. The condolence was held on Saturday the 8th December 1979 at the Rotary Hall of Swami Niswambalananda Girls' College, Bhadrakali at 5:30 P.M.

Chandernagore The Seminar on Geeta has been continued with frequent citations from "The Essays on The Geeta" by Sri Aurobindo. The revelation was aptly done by the young Prof. Santosh Kumar Bhattacharya who is at present a member of World Union and was just completing the fifth chapter with credit. In the past two monthly meetings Prof. Bhattacharya discussed in detail about the nature and form of "Niskama Karma". Such Karma is directly involved with 'Sanyas Karma' which is totally submitted to Brahmanya. This state of mind can be achieved through 'Atmasuddhi'. By this practice we can receive the eternal flow of His bliss. It has been put very beautifully by Sri Ramakrishna Deb,—he said, "Wide open the doors and windows of your mind, let the fresh wind to come in; you don't know exactly when it will come—that grace of God". Sri Aurobindo said that one is guided by three God-heads of the soul—Kali, Lakshmi and Saraswati which together help to fight out the vast ignorance through Jnana. He continued that real Ananda is not finite but it is all pervading and infinite. To achieve Jnana one has to come down to the field of yogya-bhumi. Apart from this discussion, the Secretary, Dr. B.N. Baral gave a brief report of the previous meet and ensuing Triennial Conference at New Delhi and about other activities of World Union International. Melodious devotional songs were offered by Smt. Subarna Kundu and Kumari Suparna Sarkar and thanks giving was made by Sri K. Baral. Sri M. Ghosh presided over the meetings of 21-10-79 and 18-11-79.

FORUM FOR WORLD PEACE SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY, VALLABH VIDYANAGAR (GUJARAT)

(Based on talk by Shri S. Krishnamurthy on 8-11-79 at 7:00 P.M.)

The meeting was organised at the residence of Dr. D.D. Jadeja, Principal, Nalini and Arvind Arts College and Secretary of Forum for World Peace, Vallabh Vidyanagar Branch. The meeting was attended by Dr. Kamoooben Patel of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, and Dr. R. M. Patel, Vice-Chancellor of Sardar Patel University who is also the Chairman of Forum for World Peace. Other interested persons of town were also present.

Prof. S.V. Vaishnav of Birla Vishvakarma Vidyalaya and Secretary of Sri Aurobindo Society, Local Branch, welcomed Sri S. Krishnamurthy, the guest speaker of the day and introduced him to the invited guests since he was visiting the campus for the first time. Sri S. Krishnamurthy spoke on the subject of "Spirituality, its meaning and application". There are varied interpretations, institutions and shades of meanings of spirituality prevalent in the past and the present. He said that spirituality is different from spiritualism as practised by certain groups of people for calling the spirits of the dead with the help of planchet and other devices. Spirituality concerns with the development of men's consciousness through

'Sadhana, Dhyana and Tapas'. Through spiritual development the latent abilities of individuals can be developed enormously for their own well-being and the well-being of the humanity at large.

Man is ungrateful. All the potentialities are not utilised for his own advancement and the rest of humanity. Spiritual life is a complete circuit. It is the process of the unfoldment of consciousness. No amount of knowledge of spiritual literature can help here. It is at the most a help—an aid to the development of men's consciousness. Total integration of life is the real spiritual life. Spiritual life starts from within. The river of inner consciousness flows outside and meets the sea of outer life. The river transforms into the waves of sea on the outer plane. Nine-tenth of the mind is unconscious. Only one-tenth is cultured through education and training. It is in the unconscious mind that suppressed thoughts and feelings are accumulated. These rush up in moments of unconsciousness. Through Dhyana and Tapas mind it is to be emptied so that it is filled up with the subliminal consciousness. After Dhyana there is lightness and immense joy. Yoga means to unite the individual consciousness with the universal consciousness. Once the unconsciousness has been emptied the vibratory force of the Divine settles. It becomes a pure being. Unless the physical instrument is sensitive one cannot be spiritual. Spirituality leads us from the finite to the infinite.

Life is an opening. There is mutual growth in a society. If one individual grows the other individuals also grow. Perfection is the goal of life. After having achieved 99% of perfection the remaining one percent of perfection is extremely difficult to achieve. There is lot of opposition from inside the family and from outside the family in our day to day life. Truth speaks through silence. Life speaks through silence. Inner silence will bring about change of consciousness. When there is internal tranquility there is the beginning of the age of Truth.

At the end there was a group meditation in a very pleasant atmosphere. Sri R.M. Patel, Deputy Director, Agro-Economic Research Centre, thanked the Speaker for enlightening the audience by his speech and for visiting the campus.

New Centre

Delhi World Union Delhi Centre was inaugurated at the end of November 1979 with Sri Chhedi Lal as Chairman, Dr. R.K. Bhan as Vice-Chairman, Sri J. N. Puri as Secretary and Sri Budhpriya as Organising Secretary. Swami Poorna Swatantra is the Ex. Officio member.

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COMMON MAN'S AGE

Will future historian know the present as the scientific and technological age, or the nuclear age, or the space age? Most likely this will be known as the era of the common man. This is the age in which about two-thirds of the world's population has to rise in revolt against their customary but no longer tolerable conditions. An unprecedented struggle will have to be waged by the poor of the world against poverty and hunger which will overshadow all other activities of humanity and all other struggles for the betterment of mankind. This is the era when the common man must secure his rightful place to participate in the formation and changes of civilization and to enjoy the benefits and fruits of such civilization.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Poverty and Hunger

Even if half the number of scientists and engineers, engaged, particularly by superpowers in research for finding more deadly weapons of war, could be engaged in shaping projects for tackling the problems of poverty and hunger and even if half the staggering sum of about 450 million dollars now spent every year in armies and armaments, over 60% of which amount is spent by two superpowers, can be spent for enforcement of projects for solving the problems of poverty and hunger, the world could be freed from the scourge of hunger and poverty. Led by the Soviet Union and the United States, the world is spending about 450 billion dollars a year on military. The global military spending has doubled over the past ten years. In the year 1977 the ten nations with the highest military expenditures were (in order) the Soviet Union, the United States, China, West Germany, France, Britain, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Poland and Japan. The world trade in conventional arms also rose in

1977 to about 17 billion dollars. The ten leading arms exporters were the United States, the Soviet Union, France, Britain, West Germany, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Poland, Switzerland and Yugoslavia. The insane danger of world holocaust looms menacingly over life on planet earth. It is indisputable that such a terrifying situation does exist. Instead of tackling the problems of poverty and hunger, a staggering amount is spent in armies, armaments and arms race. Humanity must adopt suitable means to end this lunacy by political leaders of the nations of the world, particularly by those of superpowers and industrially advanced countries. The common man in every country should rise in revolt against the reckless spending of huge sums in armies, armaments and arms race. Unfortunately, even the developing countries are continuously increasing their military budgets instead of solving the problem of hunger and poverty of their people.

Brief Report of the Sixth Triennial World Union Convention

The 6th Triennial Convention of the World Union was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Justice M. Hidayatullah, Vice-President of India, on the 24th November 1979 at the Aivan-E-Ghalib Auditorium, which inaugural session was presided over by Justice Deshpande, Chief Justice of the High Court of New Delhi. Shri Gurudeep Manocha read his welcome address.

Justice Shri M. Hidayatullah said that new world order was necessary to usher in an era of lasting peace and for ensuring social and economic equality for the entire humanity. He further said that though the 'Federation of World' or the establishment of 'Parliament of Mankind' seemed a utopian idea, efforts should be made towards bringing the people together to have a real comity of nations. The efforts made by the United Nations to solve international conflicts and maintain peace were frustrated time and again as the 'inner body' of the world organization (nations with veto power) had their own selfish interests. He further clarified that the World Union, which was a non-political organization working for the cause of Human Unity, should strive towards the goal of 'Oneness of Mankind' and the establishment of a world order in which every human being, irrespective of his or her race, religion and financial standing, will have an assured place of dignity.

Mr. Justice Deshpande said the establishment of a world order which would ensure political, social and economic justice to all was vital for the progress of mankind. Once the family of man came into being, many of our problems and conflicts would disappear. The deliberations of the Convention would go a long way in generating a climate of mutual trust and goodwill which could bring nations closer to each other.

After tea break, the Seminar on the subject of the 'Prospects of United Nations being Converted into Supra-National Organization having full Powers of World Government' was presided over by Dr. Nagendra Singh, Vice-President, International Court of Justice and was addressed among others by Mr. V.M. Tarkunde, Dr. T.P. Amerasinghe from Sri Lanka, Shri H.V. Kamath former M.P. and Justice Mr. M.R.A. Ansari.

The afternoon session of the Convention was held at Guru Nanak Foundation, Near Qutab Hotel, which was presided over by A.B. Patel and addressed by Dr. Gopal Singh former Ambassador, Justice Pritam Singh Safer, Mr. Jaswant Singh Anand, Mr. Balwant Singh

Anand and Dr. Kishore Gandhi; this day being celebration of Guru Teg Bahadur Singh day, the implicit Sikh faith in Human Unity, Equality, Liberty and Fraternity was emphasised.

The session of the 25th November was held at Nehru Memorial Hall and was presided over by Mr. John B.S. Coats, International President of Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras, and was addressed by Mr. Justice H.R. Khanna, Chairman of Law Commission, Justice T.V.R. Tatachari, Dr. N.M. Ghatate, Mr. M.N. Phadke on the subject 'Constitution for the Federation of Earth to Attain World Order under World Law'. The afternoon session was presided over by Shri A.B. Patel and was addressed by Justice Jaswant Singh, and Dr. Dorothy Gillam Baker from New York. Speech of Mr. Justice S. Rangarajan, Chairman of Monopolies Commission, was read by Mr. John B.S. Coats.

The 3rd day session was held on 26th November at Kamani Hall. The morning session was presided over by Dr. Prem Kripal, Former President of Executive Board of UNESCO and was addressed by Dr. Helen K. Billings from America, Mr. Rohit C. Mehta, Dr. D.P. Pandey, and Mr. Michael John. The afternoon session was presided over by Dr. R.K. Bhan, former Vice-Chancellor and was addressed by Dr. Kishore Gandhi, Dr. Vasudevan Nair of Bahai Faith, Dr. M. Aram, Swami Om Swami and Dr. Roma Choudhury, former Vice-Chancellor on the subject 'Progress of Education for One World'. This session of the Convention adopted the following resolution:

"This Sixth Triennial Convention of World Union held at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi, on the 26th November 1979 resolves that a Committee, consisting of the members hereinafter named, be constituted to put up proposals for taking concrete steps in the field of education to inculcate and develop among children at all stages of education the concept and need for World Union and how to achieve it. The Committee will further explore the measures as to how World Union concept can be integrated in the existing Educational curriculum and developed by extension lectures in various educational institutions". The Convention constituted the Committee as under:

(1) Dr. R.K. Bhan, M.A., Ph.D., Chairman, G-16 South Extension II, NEW DELHI 110049; (2) Dr. M. Aram, M.A., Ph. D., (Ohio) Hon. Secretary, Director, Nagaland Peace Centre, KOHIMA 797001; (3) Dr. Roma Choudhury, 3 Federation Street, P.O. Amherst Street, CALCUTTA 700009; (4) Dr. Durga Prasad Pandey, Panch Sheel Park South, NEW DELHI 110017; (5) Dr. Helen K. Billings, Ph.D., The Heritage-3F, 1829 Senate Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201, U.S.A.; (6) Dr. Dorothy Gillam Baker, 140 West End Avenue, New York, New York 10023, U.S.A.; (7) Sri Rohit, Mehta, The Theosophical Society, VARANASI 221001, (U.P.); (8) Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, 28/1 Manna Para Road, CALCUTTA 700050; and (9) Sri A.B. Patel, General Secretary, World Union International, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, PONDICHERRY 605002. In the evening a cultural programme was held to entertain the guests in which Mrs. Rajeshwari gave beautiful dance performance with singing of Savitri by Karuna Devi.

The 4th session was held on the subject of 'Federal World Government'. The morning session was presided over by Mr. A.B. Patel and was addressed among others by Dr. Shyamal Kumar Roy, Mr. S. Krishnamurthy, Mr. Abraham from Cochin and Mr. N.S. Rao, Senior Vice-Chairman of World Union. The evening session was presided over by Mr. John B.S. Coats and was addressed by Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer of the Supreme Court of India, Maharishi

Vitharathi from America, and Mr. Gonzalo Fernos from Puerto Rico. The final summing up of the Conference was done by Mr. Rohit Mehta. The speech of Mr. Justice Krishna Iyer was highly inspiring for the cause of Human Unity. All speeches emphasised the necessity of a Federal World Government.

The final Statement was prepared by a Committee comprising of Shri Gurudeep Manocha, Justice Jaswant Singh, Justice Tatachari, Dr. Prem Kripal, Mr. Rohit Mehta and Mr. A.B. Patel and was read by Mr. John B.S. Coats, Chairman of the session, and was adopted by the Convention with applause and the Convention ended with a vote of thanks for the participants.

Financial Matters Pertaining to the Sixth Triennial Convention at New Delhi

All financial matters pertaining to the Sixth Triennial Convention of World Union held at New Delhi from the 24th to 27th November 1979 have to be attended to and settled by Shri Gurudeep Manocha, a-1/57 Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi 110016, who has received delegate's fees from all delegates to the Convention, fee from all Reception Committee members, patrons etc. and collected donations. Shri Manocha arranged, managed and controlled the organization of the Convention. This announcement has become necessary because interested persons have attempted confusion in this regard.

Report of the Executive Committee

The meeting of the Executive Committee of World Union was held at the residence of Shri Gurudeep Manocha in New Delhi on the 23rd November 1979 at 2.30 P. M. when thirty-three members and invitees were present and Sri N. S. Rao presided. The meeting gave careful thought to the report of the Committee, which was appointed by the Executive Committee on 23.4.79 on the suggestions received for the improvement of the working of World Union and to examine the possibility of starting an "All India Federation of Human Unity Associations", and the comments on the report received from Dr. Biswanath Baral, Smt. Minu Roy, Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya and Samar Basu. The meeting adopted the following resolutions on the report:

(i) World Union Centres should initiate and conduct programmes which will attract attention of World Union members and others. Such programmes should include promotion of right human relations and good will among people in all walks of life. These activities will prove beneficial to India in which Society is more often divided on grounds such as caste, religion, tribal areas, backward communities.

(ii) Wife or husband of each member of World Union shall be automatically considered a member of World Union but he or she will not, on that account, receive World Union journal or Focus.

(iii) World Union Centres should endeavour, at least on a Sunday, to conduct programmes in which the children of World Union members can participate. These programmes may include, promotion of right human relations and goodwill among people and the right treatment and development of children. Even the children of non-members can be invited to participate in such programmes.

(iv) World Union Centres should endeavour to hold Workshops and Seminars of teachers and students on whose harmonious relations and proper approach to education depend largely the progress of a nation. Such Workshops and Seminars should preferably be held region-wise.

(v) On the proposal of A.B. Patel seconded by Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal the proposed new experiment was adopted by the meeting for the promotion of a National Centre in each country of the world in the first instance, with duty entrusted to such National Centre to promote Regional or State Centres in its country, and such Regional or State Centres have the responsibility to form Local Centres in their respective region or state, which will replace the present system provided in Rule 2 of the Rules and Regulations of World Union for the formation of Local Centres in the first instance, with powers with them to form Regional or State Centres, who in turn have powers to form a National Centre. This resolution was adopted unanimously and was also supported by Smt. Minu Roy, Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya and Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row, all of them speaking in its favour. The meeting agreed that this resolution requires replacement of the Rule No. 2 of the Rules and Regulations of World Union.

(vi) Three or more Regional or State Centres may form a Zonal Centre for the proper working of the World Union Movement and a Coordinator of World Union may be appointed on a Zonal basis, but there shall not be a Zonal World Union Centre.

(vii) National Centre be constituted in India with headquarters in Bangalore. M.P. Pandit, Chairman and Secretary of World Union India Centre, S. Krishnamurthy, P. Krishna Raju, M.K. Rameswaram and A.B. Patel form a Committee to draft Rules and Regulations for the conduct of India Centre, and to make necessary recommendations, taking as a basis the Rules and Regulations suggested by the Bangalore World Union Centre and keeping in view the existence of India Centre formed in 1975.

(viii) Every World Union Local Centre may enrol associate members for that Centre only on a nominal annual fee for the participation of such associate members in all the activities of that Centre, but such associate members will not be considered members of World Union International and will not receive World Union Journal or Focus.

(ix) Each member, on his or her enrolment as a member, ought to receive a suitable card signed by the General Secretary of World Union International, Pondicherry. Such card shall be issued to the existing members also. Each Life Member should receive a suitable badge on enrolment. Such a badge shall be given to the existing Life Members also.

(x) The Formation of an "All India Federation for Human Unity Associations" is not approved, but all World Union Centres are advised to cooperate with other like-minded organizations in order to achieve common goals and to endeavour to hold gatherings and Seminars under joint auspices.

(xi) Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row proposed and S. Krishnamurthy seconded that the

following Rule No. 2 replace the present Rule No. 2 of the Rules and Regulations of World Union. The proposal was adopted unanimously:

Rule 2. World Union Centres:

(a) Any ten or more members in any one country can form a National Centre and apply for its recognition to the Executive Committee, giving the Centre's address and the names and addresses of its Office-bearers.

(b) A National Centre will undertake the duty of forming Regional or State Centres. Each Regional or State World Union Centre must enrol at least 10 members for its formation and must be recognised by its national Centre, information of which shall be given to the World Union International Centre at Pondicherry giving the Centre's address and the names and addresses of its Office-bearers.

(c) Each Regional or State Centre will undertake the duty to organize Local Centres in its area with atleast five members enrolled for each Local Centre. Each Local Centre must be recognised by its Regional or State Centre, information of which shall be given to the National Centre concerned as well as to the World Union International Centre at Pondicherry giving the address of each Local Centre and the names and addresses of its Office-bearers.

(d) Each National, Regional or State and Local Centre shall have freedom to grow and evolve in its life and work (so long as it promotes the objects of World Union) developing an organization suited to its situation and with bye-laws to guide its functioning.

(e) All the members enrolled either by National Centres or by Regional or State Centres or by Local Centres will be treated as members of World Union International Centre, Pondicherry, and will receive journal or Focus as the case may be. Each Centre must endeavour to raise its own finance to carry on its activities provided always that World Union International Centre will give a grant to each Centre towards its expenses 20% of the membership fee and other collections made and remitted by it to the International Centre. In addition to it each Regional or State Centre will receive from the World Union International Centre 5% of the collections received by the International Centre from it or from the Local Centres organised by such Regional or State Centre and each National Centre will receive from the International Centre, Pondicherry, towards its expenses 5% of the total collections received from the members of World Union in that nation. No grant will be made from Life Member or Associate Life Member's fee for which a separate arrangement will be made.

(xii) As there is already an India Centre, a Regional Centre in West Bengal and more than 40 Local Centres in India, the Office-bearers and members of the Working Committee of each such Centre shall be treated as members of each such Centre and the Office-bearers and members of the Central Council of India Centre will be considered as members of India National Centre.

(xiii) The suggestions made by Samar Basu for the improved working of World Union Centres were noted with approval by the meeting as constructive and useful for World Union Centres (vide Page 43 of the World Union Focus No. 10/79)

Central Council of World Union India Centre

The Seventh Meeting of the Central Council of World Union India Centre was held on 25th November 1979 at 6:00 P.M. in the premises of "Bahai's House", New Delhi. Sri N. S. Rao presided in the absence of Prof. Govinda Rao who had sent his address to the meeting and was read by the Chairman. An item on the agenda included the presentation of Scrolls to honorary members A. B. Patel and Philip Isely. As Philip Isely was in U. S. A., the Chairman presented the Scroll of Conferment of Hon. Life Membership of the Central Council of World Union India Centre to A. B. Patel in a simple ceremony. Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row, the Secretary, offered flowers to the recipient. The Scroll was to be sent to Philip Isely by post. The election of the President and the reconstruction of the Central Council was postponed in view of the proposal under consideration by the Executive Committee of World Union for the formation of National Centres in all countries. Proposed by A.B. Patel and seconded by Samar Basu it was unanimously resolved: "In view of the impending change for the Constitution of a National Centre under the consideration of the Executive Committee of World Union, the President, Office-bearers and members of the existing Central Council of World Union India Centre are continued till such time as the Constitution of a National Centre is drafted and approved by the Executive Committee of World Union, Pondicherry".

World Council Meeting

The Sixth Triennial World Council Meeting was held at Aivan-E-Ghalib Auditorium, New Delhi, soon after the completion of the proceedings of the Sixth Triennial World Union Convention in the evening of the 27th November 1979. In the absence of M. P. Pandit, Chairman of World Union, N. S. Rao a Senior Vice-Chairman presided. A. B. Patel presented an oral report of the World Council including plan of further work and an oral estimate of the likely income and expenditure of World Union during the next three years. He was happy to mention to the meeting that World Union has established contacts with many persons and organizations around the world working for world unity, world community, world order, world government, synthesis of cultures, global civilization or harmony and peace in the world. Regarding the Third National Convention of World Union Centres in India to be held at Lucknow in the last quarter of 1981, Dr. Biswanath Baral suggested that the Convention should be termed "India Convention" and not "National Convention". This suggestion met with the approval of the Chairman N. S. Rao and others but A.B. Patel suggested that it should be left to the Committee in Lucknow to take a final decision. The Executive Committee for the years 1980, 1981 and 1982 and the Coordinators of World Union were unanimously elected by the meeting, list of which was published in the January 1980 FOCUS.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Amta Mother's Samadhi Day was observed on 18-11-79 at 2:00 P.M. in the Centre. A very large number of devotees including some youngsters were present. The function opened with a very melodious Bhakti Giti sung by Sri Gour Gopal Deb, with his charming sweet voice. The main speakers were Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Sri Indu Bhushan Singha Roy and Sri Biswanath Roy. Every speaker gave such inspiring speech as every one present got a very vivid idea of the works of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. All present were fully convinced of the theme why the Mother came to the Earth with a human body. The youngsters were so enthused that they asked for books so as to devote themselves for Divine work. Dr. Asit Baran Pramanick, an eminent doctor, was so enthused that he promised to make himself available to create a congenial atmosphere for the work. He stretched his very helping hand to build up a befitting library for the purpose. The function ended with another sweet song relayed by Sri Deb.

The Seminar of December 1979 was held on 23-12-79 in the village Udang P.O. Amta, Howrah. The host of the meeting was Sri Rabindra Nath Roy. As per the decision of the Committee the Seminars are held in a mobile way. Many intellectuals and persons including headmasters, eminent teachers, doctors and youngsters were present in the meeting. The main speakers were Prof. Biswanath Roy and Sri Indu Bhushan Singha Roy. Prof. Roy very elaborately described why people will devote for Divine works. His narration about Boul was very vivid. Sri Singha Roy represented "Integral Yoga" very finely and sphere by sphere. His description about Bhraman was so simple and educative that everyone was convinced of the theme. The Seminar commenced and ended with songs sung by Sri Gour Gopal Deb whose voice was so sweet and representation was so hearty that with his song a silence came down and the atmosphere was purified.

Bon-Hooghly The third meeting of this Centre was held on 16-12-79 at the residence of Sri Dulal Paul, Treasurer, at Bon-Hooghly Government Quarters, 104 B. T. Road, Calcutta 35. The meeting started at 3:30 P.M. under the Chairmanship of Sri P. Sengupta. Dr. B. Bhattacharya read out the first chapter from "The Mother" of Sri Aurobindo, followed by 10 minutes meditation. The Chairman discussed at length World Union and its importance and dwelt on the deep necessity of preparing each one to be ready for the new world that is coming. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Chakradharpur On 17th November and 5th December 1979, the days of the Mother's and Sri Aurobindo's passing were celebrated by the members of this Centre and Sri Aurobindo Society Centres and the devotees of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother in a calm and quiet atmosphere with: meditation, Mother's voice (tape recording), devotional songs and reading of messages of the Mother and Sri Nolini Kanta Gupta.

On 24th November 1979 Sri Aurobindo's auspicious "SIDDHI DIVAS" was celebrated

in a befitting manner. The programme included meditation with Mother's tape recorded music, reading from 'Prayers and Meditations' by Smt. Bibha Das, reading from "SAVITRI" by Sri K.B. Ghosh and its Bengali translation by himself, reading from Sri Samar Basu's writings on the subject "Human Crisis and Sri Aurobindo" by Dr. B.B. De Chaudhury and the subject was further discussed by Sri R. C. Seal. The programme also included devotional songs by Sri S.K. Roy and Smt. Savitri Mukherjee, and a few minutes Sitar recital by Sri Prasanta Chakraborty. The programme concluded with a group song by the Cultural Wing of the Society members.

Thereafter, Sri C.N. Sharma from Pondicherry Ashram on his Orissa and Bihar tour, visited the Centre on 13th December 1979. He discussed with the members the ideals of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and gave the practical guidance. He saw the activities of "SISHU CHAKRA" and encouraged the young boys and girls in doing dynamic yoga through their various group activities. On the next day he spoke before a mass meeting about the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. The meeting ended with devotional songs by Smt. Ranga Bai.

New Alipore In November monthly meeting, Sri Indu Bhusan Singha Roy, an active worker of Sri Aurobindo's Action, was invited to speak about the experiences of his recent tour in England and other parts of Europe. He was amazed to notice the amount of spiritual interest in the so called materialistic people there. He met quite a few, who are keenly interested in some spiritual practice and T.M. of Maharshi Mahesh Yogi is quite popular over there. He told the story of a young restaurant girl in Paris who was amazed to receive a Blessing packet with Mother's feet which she visioned before in her dream. He was sorry to learn that Mother's house in Paris is occupied by a person who does not believe in spirituality.

In December meeting, Sri Singha Roy talked about Sri Aurobindo's vision of the New World and the New Society. This spiritual realisation is beyond the scope of present intellectuality and one has to transcend his physical consciousness to have a glimpse of it. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, in his mission for collaboration with like minded organizations, talked on the life and teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother in a large gathering specially arranged at Mahishadol, Midnapur District in this month. He explained the outline of World Union Movement on a spiritual basis in another gathering at Tamluk in the same district.

January was specially celebrated as the 5th year of completion of this Centre. After guitar play by Mira Mukherjee and recital from Tagore poem by Tanuja Mukherjee, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee narrated in brief the individual and the social evolution in stages as described by Sri Aurobindo in his "Human Cycle" and "Ideal of Human Unity". Sri Indu Bhusan Singha Roy elaborated the subject starting from the symbolic or vedic age in India upto the present age of rationalism. The subjective and the spiritual age is at our door now.

Rishra In the evenings of all Wednesdays dated 7th November 1979, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th December 1979 at the Centre's Office the hymn to Sri Durga and group concentration was performed as usual and discussions were also held.

7th November 1979—Sri P. Goswami (Secretary) read out the selected portion of Sri Aurobindo's "MA". MAHASARASWATI: Inspiring the Mother's power of activities, Her perfect gracefulness and orders; MAHESHWARI: Exhibiting the immense systems of universal, power; MAHAKALI: Giving the power and emotion for those movements; and MAHALUXMI: Manifesting their method and measurement.

5th December 1979—Paid our homage to Sri Aurobindo in respect of his "MAHA-SAMADHI" day and Sri P. Goswami spoke briefly regarding "MAHASAMADI" of Sri Aurobindo. The General Secretary—discussed the proposed views of the participants on the aspects of World Government and concluded welcoming the members of this Centre to be harmonious, establishing the conformity of feeling having realised the ideal of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

12th December 1979—Sri P. Goswami read out selected portion of the first chapter of Sri Aurobindo's "MA", the essentiality of Self-Surrender, obsequiousness and self-devoted worker to achieve the power of Bhagawati in all forms of transformation. Sri B. Chakraborty, General Secretary, advised the devoted members of this Centre to be prepared themselves to proceed with the activities of World Union Movement.

19th December 1979—Sri P. Goswami read out the "MATRIBANI". Sri P.K. Dutta, read out from the "IN THESE FATEFUL DAYS". The General Secretary narrated the important role of feeling concurrence among the human beings and the objects of the World Union.

26th December 1979—Sri Joydeb Das, Secretary, read selected portion of Sri Aurobindo's "MA", Divine worker. The General Secretary stated briefly the five dreams of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's message on the actual role of World Union Movement and the basis of the act of establishing unity among the mankind. Discussion ended with thanks to all.

***Uttarpara* Special Meeting: 16-12-79—Shri Chhedi Lal, Ex. Governor of Pondicherry, and now Chairman of World Union Delhi Centre, came to Calcutta a few days back. As arranged earlier in Delhi, Sri Samar Basu met him at Belurmath where he was staying after his arrival on 15th December 1979 morning. On the 16th December 1979 he visited the Uttarpara Jay Krishna Public Library,—where Sri Aurobindo delivered his famous Uttarpara speech—and spoke a few words on the "Mother's Grace" in a meeting arranged by World Union Uttarpara Centre, in the Library at 10:00 A.M. He also spoke on the Mother and the World Union Movement at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan and at New Dawn (World Union North Calcutta Centre) on the 18th December 1979 evening.**

The 76th monthly Seminar was held on Saturday the 12th January 1980 at the Rotary Hall of Swami Niswambalanda Girls' College, Bhadrakali at 5:00 P.M. After devotional song offered by Nabanita, Banani, and Shampa the members joined in group concentration when Sri Samar Basu presided. Shri R.R. Agarwal, Joint Secretary of the Centre read out his report of the proceedings of the Sixth Triennial Conference. Then the Chairman reported orally the important resolution adopted in the special Executive Committee Meeting of International Centre held in Delhi on 23-11-79. He also informed the members of the New Committee formed in the meeting of the World Council held on 27-11-79.

Thereafter Sri Basu spoke on "Social Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo". This was his introductory speech on the subject and he will discuss it in the next Seminar also. In his in-

troductory address he analysed: (i) the necessity of studying the subject in view of the present crisis in all the spheres of human existence; and (ii) in what respects Sri Aurobindo's social thinking differs from that of Western Philosophers. In support of his analysis he quoted from memory relevant portion from the Life Divine and the Human Cycle. After this Shri Debi Prasad Mukherjee offered devotional songs and enchanted the listeners by his sweet and melodious voice. The songs he selected for offering were so significant and befitting to our movement that all the members were charmed.

In pursuance of the resolution adopted (vide para 3 (iv) of the minutes), World Union Uttara para Centre has made arrangements for the meet of three head teachers of three Local Boys' Higher Secondary School,—who are also members of that Centre, to explore the possibilities of starting a Teacher-Student Forum (as a unit of that Centre), to carry on the task of holding Teacher-Student's Workshops, Inter-School Seminars etc. from time to time. Earlier Shri Parimal Roy, Head Master, Bhadrakali High School, was elected as a member of the Executive Committee exclusively for this purpose. Other head teachers are Shri Paritosh Mukherjee of Amarendra Vidyapith, Uttara para and Shri Sankar Nath Nag of Bhupendra Smriti Vidyalaya, Hind Motor.

As decided by the Executive Committee of Uttara para Centre, the following distinguished persons of this area were conferred honorary memberships of the Centre: (i) Prof. Buddhadev Chakrabarty, Vidya Sagar College, Calcutta; (ii) Prof. Bijoy Kumar Chakrabarty, Bidhan Chandra College, Rishra; (iii) Sri Tamas Ranjan Roy, eminent Educationist; and (iv) Sri Subodh Kumar Mukherjee, Ex. Librarian, Calcutta University.

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January 18, 1980**



IDEAL OF HUMAN UNITY

— WORLD UNION —

The third dream was a world-union forming the outer basis of a fairer, brighter and nobler life for all mankind. That unification of the human world is under way; there is an imperfect initiation organised but struggling against tremendous difficulties. But the momentum is there and it must inevitably increase and conquer For unification is a necessity of Nature, an inevitable movement. Its necessity for the nations is also clear, for without it the freedom of the small nations may be at any moment in peril and the life even of the large and powerful nations insecure. The unification is therefore to the interests of all, and only human imbecility and stupid selfishness can prevent it; but these cannot stand for ever against the necessity of Nature and the Divine will. But an outward basis is not enough; there must grow up an international spirit and outlook, international forms and institutions must appear, perhaps such developments as dual or multilateral citizenship, willed interchange or voluntary fusion of cultures. Nationalism will have fulfilled itself and lost its militancy and would no longer find these things incompatible with self-preservation and the integrality of its outlook. A new spirit of Oneness will take hold of the human race.

From: The Message of Sri Aurobindo
to India for 15-8-47 broadcast from
All India Radio, Trichinapoly Station
on 14-8-47.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

To World Union Centres and Members in West Bengal

I venture to address to you these words as your colleague who has had an honour and a privilege to be in the Centre of the World Union Movement since May 1960. Since

some time past I have been receiving rather disturbing information of the differences of opinion among some members of World Union in West Bengal on the work and activities to be undertaken in support of the Movement. This has tended to create unnecessary confusion and controversy about the activities of world union, which could be easily avoided if one remembers the primary aims and objects of World Union. We cannot afford to overlook the fact that World Union is mainly concerned with one aspect of Sri Aurobindo's teaching, and that is "The Ideal of Human Unity". This aspect of his teaching was presented to the world as a series of articles from September 1915 to July 1918 in the philosophical monthly, Arya, which articles were published later as the book "The Ideal of Human Unity". A postscript chapter was added to it by Sri Aurobindo in 1950. This book will be very profitable and enlightening reading for a politician or a statesman who wishes to approach world problems with a vision embracing the whole humanity. It examines various possibilities leading to the goal of unity and its different likely forms.

The primary aim of World Union is the realization of human unity and world peace on a spiritual foundation. Sri Aurobindo affirms in the postscript chapter to the Ideal of Human Unity: "The ultimate result must be the formation of a World-State and the most desirable form of it would be a federation of free nationalities in which all subjection or forced inequality and subordination of one to another would have disappeared and, though some might preserve a greater natural influence, all would have an equal status" . . . "The Ideal of Human Unity would be no longer an unfulfilled ideal but an accomplished fact and its preservation given into the charge of the united human peoples". This inspired and encouraged World Union to participate in the Constituent Assembly convened by World Constitution and Parliament Association of USA at Innsbruck, Austria, in June 1977 when a Constitution for the Federation of Earth was adopted to work for the ratification of that Constitution.

We must remind ourselves that World Union invites the cooperation of all individuals and organizations that seek to serve the cause of human unity and world peace. It welcomes all sources of inspiration. It has members, office-bearers and Executive Committee and World Council members who are seekers and workers of many different affiliations. Because of the happy and rich experience we have had in this wider fellowship, we wish to continue to join with other world organizations working with similar aims in a concerted effort towards common goals. The World Union Movement is growing as a banyan tree with its branches spread over the world and drawing under its shade and influence all those who believe in the realization of human unity and world peace on a spiritual foundation, though owing allegiance to different spiritual paths.

Under World Union rules, each World Union Centre is free to grow and develop as it thinks best, but keeping in view always the aims and objects of World Union. It is, therefore, expected that each World Union Centre does its best to carry on its activities for the promotion of the objects and aims of World Union. It must be clear to all concerned that the World Union Movement is not established for the promotion of integral yoga or for the reception of supramental consciousness. Every World Union member should endeavour to realise the oneness of creation and the essential unity of mankind and to live that oneness and unity. He should also endeavour to make his consciousness as high and as wide as possible. However, as an organization World Union's work is the realization of human unity and world

peace, which are obviously conditions precedent to the raising of the collective consciousness of humanity to a higher level. Individual preparation for the positive thoughts of love and oneness with all beings and things and of delight under all conditions and circumstances will, no doubt, hasten the process of human unity and world peace. However, we must remain aware that every one, who believes in human unity and world peace on a spiritual foundation, is eligible to be a member of World Union, though following a spiritual path of one's choice.

I hope that this will be understood in the spirit in which it is presented and unnecessary controversy on it will not be raised. Often when we argue about truth, truth escapes, stands at a distance and smiles at our unnecessary mental activities. I would request all members concerned to undertake activities for World Union Centres which will serve its main objects; such activities can include the promotion of right human relations with all others, of human rights, of the rights of the woman, of the rights of the child, of the rights of down-trodden and so on. Such activities will surely hasten the advent of human unity and world peace. I hope and trust that the spirit of goodwill will prevail and the controversy, which has arisen in West Bengal, will now subside in the interests of the World Union Movement.

Request to World Union Members

The Executive Committee of World Union decided on the 23rd November 1979 that the wife or the husband of a member of World Union shall be automatically considered a member of World Union but she or he will not, on that account, receive World Union journal or Focus. Therefore every member of World Union, who has a married partner of life, is requested to send to World Union the name of his wife or her husband as early as possible to enable World Union to complete its record of membership.

Sad Demise of Prof. Ambady Narayanan

Prof. Ambady Narayanan, who has been a member of the Executive Committee and World Council of World Union for a number of years, is no more with us. He left us on the 14th February 1980. He always entertained creative and constructive thoughts and actions directed towards the good of the society. He initiated and/or supported several public activities for the promotion of the well being of people. He was the Chairman of World Union Pondicherry Centre for a few years and actively supported the World Union Movement. In his passing away Pondicherry has lost a good citizen and World Union a good worker.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Delhi On 12-1-80 the Office-bearers of this Centre participated in the meeting of "Thinkers Forum—Servants of the People Society, (Delhi Unit)" at Lajpat Bhavan, New Delhi.

The meeting commenced with opening remarks by Dr. R.K. Bhan followed by introduction of Shri Chhedi Lal the Speaker of the evening. Shri Chhedi Lal, had been the Lieutenant Governor of Pondicherry Union Territory and had been closely associated with Sri Aurobindo Ashram. He was also Indian Ambassador in Panama. He is at present a retired civil servant but is actively working for Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Delhi Branch, and is the Chairman of the World Union New Delhi Centre.

Shri Chhedi Lal spoke at length on "Human Unity and World Peace". He highlighted the deep crisis that faces humanity today. He traced the historical developments that took place on the human scene from the time of first World War, League of Nations and to the present time. He also cited quotations from the teachings of the great Seers and saints who had all through stressed the need for human unity irrespective of caste, creed and nationality. He profusely quoted the writings of Mahatma Gandhi, Mohamed, Buddha, Vivekananda, the Mother and Sri Aurobindo in support of his plea for human unity and world peace. In conclusion he appealed to the members present in particular and all citizens of this planet in general to join hands in building world community and creating human unity and thus to save the world from the present crisis. He appealed to all the human beings all over the world to join hands to promote human unity and to realise the great dreams of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother for Human Unity at spiritual level.

After the talk interesting discussions took place on the various aspects of the theme of World Unity. Dr. Dorothy Gillam Baker, from USA, who came as a delegate to the World Union Sixth Triennial Convention held in November 1979 spelt out her plan of action for Human Unity and International Brotherhood. She gave a detailed account of the work she has been doing for the last six weeks. Her presence and participation in the discussion was very much appreciated by all present. With a vote of thanks to the Speaker and the participants the meeting ended.

On 13-1-80 the Executive Committee of this Centre met at New World Order Centre, 4-B Hailey Road, New Delhi. The meeting opened with welcome by Swami Sri Poorna Swatantra and was chaired by Shri Chhedi Lal. Some of the decisions after discussions were as under: (a) The Mother's birthday to be celebrated in a befitting manner for which purpose it was agreed to approach the Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi to preside over the function. Alternatively a number of other eminent persons were to be approached. (b) A letter of congratulation to be sent to Smt. Indira Gandhi on her assumption as Prime Minister and a delegation to be sent to her to seek her support for World Union work.

A Members' Meeting of this Centre was attended by 25 members and other special invitees including Dr. Hal French, Prof. of Religion from S.C. Columbia University. The meeting commenced with a short meditation and introduction of all those present. Thereafter, Swami Poorna Swatantra expressed his views on the purpose of starting World Union Movement in New Delhi. He spoke at length stating that it is an age of God and emphasised the need for arousing the maximum consciousness for spiritual education. Ignorance of Divine is no excuse for the present ills of our time. The need for obeying the law of God is necessary for achieving world unity. He appealed to all for greater participation for the fulfilment of the aims and objects of World Union.

Among the general discussion which followed, Dr. V.G. Bhatia suggested moving the

United Nations and all other authorities to declare a year of "Human Unity and International Brotherhood", and the need for unilateral removal of visa by India and all other countries. Dr. Hal French gave details of his research work in the field of human unity. Shri Shah and Dr. Vasudev Nair from Bahai's extended their full cooperation for any joint action programme in this direction. A number of decisions were taken in regard to running of the Centre. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and Swamiji.

Gandhinagar Shri Vijay Shah the Secretary of this Centre has been transferred to Cambay and the New address of this Centre is now that of the Chairman Sri A. G. Hathi, being: Sector No. 30, CH Type Block No. 18/4, GANDHINAGAR 382030 (Gujarat State).

Regional Centre, West Bengal — Sri Aurobindo Centre of Study: It is indeed a matter of great encouragement that Sri Aurobindo Centre of Study has since completed its first year of organising regular Study Classes on second and fourth Sundays of every month at 24 Haranathpur Road, Bhadrakali. It started functioning from 11th March 1979 with the young members of different World Union Centres in West Bengal who are interested in studying the works of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo intensively through discussions and discourses.

The books which the members are now studying are "The Hour of God" and "Evolution" of Sri Aurobindo. Sri Samar Basu, Coordinator of Eastern Region was appointed to organise the Study Classes. At the end of the first year the members conducted a very attractive symposium on "The Prayers and Meditation" of the Mother at Konnagar and Burdwan. Sri Ranjan Ganguly of the Ashram visited the Centre on 10-2-80 and spoke at length on "How does the Mother Work" and the members listened to it with rapt attention.

From the next year commencing March 1980, the Study Classes will be of two periods: (a) First period (one hour)—Recapitulation of the last study and discourses on it by the members; and (b) Second period (one and half hour)—Further study of the continued and/or new subject and questions and answers on the above study. Young interested members of all the Centres in West Bengal are always welcome to take part in this venture. The class starts from 4:00 P.M. from March to October and from 3:00 P.M. from November to February.

Uttarpara The 77th monthly Seminar of this Centre was held on Saturday the 9th February 1980 at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith at 5:30 P.M. after devotional song and group concentration—when Sri Sushil Kumar Chakrabarty presided. Sri Samar Basu spoke on the subject (the last phase) "Sri Aurobindo's Social Philosophy". He explained briefly the three stages of social evolution as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo—viz. The Infra-rational, the Rational and The Supra-rational which covered the five ages of symbolic, typal, conventional, rational and subjective as theorised by the German historian Karl Lamprecht. Sri Basu also answered questions raised by Sri N. K. Roy as to when the rational period of society started. He might discuss the questions more elaborately in the next Seminar. Km. Medha Banerjee of Rabindra Bharati University offered solo Rabindra Sangeet, a programme specially arranged for her.

Bon-Hooghly The fourth meeting of this Centre was held on 20-1-80 at 4:00 P.M. at the residence of Shri Ashok Ray Choudhury, Member, Bon-Hooghly Govt. Qrs, 104 B. T. Road, Calcutta-35, under the Chairmanship of Sri Dulal Paul. Km. Banasree Bhattacharya recited the "Radha's Prayer" of the Mother, followed by 10 minutes meditation. The following were discussed in the meeting: (a) Influence of little Gods on human beings, effecting human relationship, (b) Power of words, ideas and 'formation' on human beings, and (c) Self preparation for the coming World Union.

Sri Ashok Ray Choudhury, Sri Radha Raman Banerjee, Sri Ghatak and Dr. Bhattacharya of this locality took part in the talk. The Chairman, Sri K. Karmakar and Mrs. Karmakar also attended the meeting and took part in the discussion of self preparation for World Union. The meeting ended at 6:30 P.M. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Rishra In the evening of Wednesday dated 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th January 1980 the hymn to Sri Durga and group concentration as usual readings and discussions on various objects were held.

2nd January 1980: Speaker Shri Debananda Brahmachary enlightened with the prefaces of "Bhakti Yoga" and "Karma Yoga" of Geeta—the ever cheerful identity exists in both creature and God—practising of religious abstraction in the disposition of Creature and God is Yoga. The object of desire, incense and greed are the passage of internal region. These are the real hindrance to Yoga and relinquishing of those passions are absolutely necessary for the same.

9th January 1980: General Secretary read out and discussed the detailed trend of thoughts of Mother on World Union Movement and the necessity to establish unanimity among the members of the World Union. Paid our homage to Swami Vivekananda's 118th Birthday Celebration and in respect which Sri P. Goswamy, Secretary, narrated his life in brief.

16th January 1980: General Secretary discussed briefly the basis of concord for Unity, spiritual life and daily happenings in life and subsequently advised the members to realize the utility of World Union and to take active part in the movement as regular work. Sri P. Goswamy—read out from the 1st Chapter of Sri Aurobindo's preface of Geeta.

30th January 1980: Sri Goswamy read out from "Srinwantu"—Sri Aurobindo's letter to Sri Barin Kumar Ghosh regarding his yogic path of spiritual attainments and theory and thanked the Speaker, Sri Brahmachary for enlightening the audience with his speech.

Cambay World Union and Sri Aurobindo Centre, Cambay had organised a programme of "Bhakti Songs" of young artist of Gujarat Shri Pravinbhai Trivedi a Shishya of "Hari Om Sharan" at Cambay on 19-1-80. The Secretary, Sri Vijay Shah introduced the activities of both the Centres. Principal, Sri A. M. Trivedi introduced Shri Pravinbhai as one of the greatest artists of Gujarat. The General Secretary of Sports & Recreation Club, L. I. C. of India, Cambay Unit Sri Ajitbhai Gandhi garlanded the artist. Chairman Principal Sri Niketanbhai Patel issued a speech for vote of thanks. (This report was sent to "The Times of India," Ahmedabad, as Press Note).

New Centres

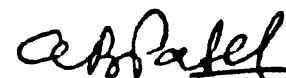
Cambay (Gujarat) This Centre was formed recently with Sri Niketanbhai Patel as Chairman, Sri Vijay Shah as Secretary and Sri Rixit Shah as Jt. Secretary. The Centre's address is that of the Secretary Shri Vijay Shah, being: Kachhia Pole, Tekri, CAMBAY 388620 (Gujarat State).

North Bantra This Centre in Howrah was opened on 23rd January 1980 under guidance and assistance of Sri Samar Basu, the Coordinator of World Union in the Eastern Region. Sri Prakash Chandra Neogi is the Chairman and Sri Biren Karak the Secretary. The address of the Centre is that of the Chairman, being: 5 "U" Road, HOWRAH 711105 (West Bengal).

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WORLD PEACE NEEDS WORLD GOVERNMENT

Individual, practising sadhana for the realization of the Divine and for one's inner growth, has firstly to establish peace and unity within his or her own being. Similarly mankind has to establish peace and unity in the world for raising the collective consciousness of humanity to a higher level so that world problems, which perplex humanity, can be courageously met and adequately solved.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Seminar at Nargol

Seminar at Nargol from the 4th May morning to the 8th May 1980 evening will be conducted by Sri M. P. Pandit, Chairman of World Union, Editor of the World Union monthly journal and an author of about 80 books. The subject of the Seminar will be "Sri Aurobindo's vision of World Unity: Our Responsibility".

Sri Aurobindo's Vision of Human Unity is no more an Ideal. It is on its way to becoming an actual. The speed at which this will be realised depends largely on the effort made at the human end. Those of us who believe in this Ideal and the means prescribed for it by Sri Aurobindo viz. spiritual change, have a definite responsibility to contribute to this end.

What precisely is the responsibility of the different members of the Society? What, for instance is expected of the educationists? In what way can the professional classes contribute? And what is the helpful role that women can and should play? These are some of the main themes set out for the ensuing Seminar.

Members of World Union have an active part in this movement and this Seminar is expected to formulate some lines of action in this respect. Those who cannot attend may kindly send their papers to World Union Office in Pondicherry.

All are cordially invited to participate in the Seminar and to persuade their friends to

attend it. The charge per delegate to the Seminar per day for board and lodging is Rs. 11.00 (Eleven Rupees). Kindly send the names of the participants, with a copy to the General Secretary of World Union, to Shri Govardhanbhai Dave, Director, Navsarjan Academy of Integral Education, NARGOL 396135, Via: Sanjan, Dt: Valsad (Gujarat State).

Forum for World Peace under the Auspices of Sardar Patel University

Under the auspices of the Forum for World Peace, Vallabh Vidyanagar, (Gujarat) Branch, Father Wallace was invited to speak on "Faith, Peace and Unity", on the 9th February, 1980.

Fr. Wallace, a deeply devout person knowing ten different languages of the world, is a widely travelled Sadhak and Scholar. Recipient of the highest Gujarati literary award "Ranjitram Suvarna Chandrak", Fr. Wallace now an Indian citizen, is Spanish by birth. Author of over 30 books of series reading in Gujarati, he teaches mathematics in the St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad. In 1973 he left his residence in the college and since then he has been living in lower middle class and middle class households that offer him hospitality. Fr. Wallace is deeply loved and respected by the youth of the Gujarat State.

Dr. D. D. Jadeja, Secretary of the Forum, accorded welcome to the Guest Speaker and audience and outlined the objectives of the Forum. He said that since war and peace originate in the mind of man it is the man who should try to achieve peace on personal level. Hearing lectures, reading books, and trying to emulate those great yogis, philosophers and social reformers who, by their thoughts, speech and action, made relentless efforts to promote peace and unity can go a long way in attaining peace for oneself, he added.

Fr. Wallace opened his lecture saying that the basis for achieving world peace and human unity is, at it should be, spiritual. Achievement of peace in the world and unity among the people will be a wild goose chase unless the individual tries to achieve mental peace on a personal level. Mental peace can be attained if he has unflinching faith in God, true love for God and deep sense of belongingness to God.

But having indomitable faith in God is not enough. The individual also needs to have confidence in his own capacities to perform the tasks which God has entrusted to him, for the individual is but an instrument to God, through whom He manifests Himself. God had charted the course of life for everyone. The individual has only to get ahead with enthusiasm and joy and the rest will be taken care of by Him.

Referring to the lives and thoughts of Raman Maharishi and Tagore, Fr. Wallace suggested that the individual should cultivate true friendship and understanding with his fellow beings, irrespective of caste, colour, creed and station in life because he can fulfil God's mission only by receiving with cheer their cooperation, their good wishes. To be at peace with himself and with the world the individual should have faith in God, confidence in his capacities and love for his fellow beings.

Shri H. M. Patel, Chairman, Charutar Vidya Mandal, who chaired the lecture thanked the Guest Speaker. The function was begun with a group prayer. Audience comprising of

nearly 500 persons was very receptive. Hearing Fr. Wallace was a memorable experience for the audience.

Executive Committee of World Union

The 21st Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of World Union will be held at the Ashram Cottage Guest House, situated on Rangapillai Street, Pondicherry, on Wednesday the 23rd April 1980 at 2:30 P.M. Every World Union Centre with more than ten members is invited to send one representative and a Centre with more than 25 members to send two representatives to participate in the meeting. The Coordinators of World Union are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Annual Report of World Union for 1979

More than two dozen World Union members attended the Third World Constituent Assembly held at Colombo from the 29th December 1978 to the 6th January 1979, participated actively in the proceedings of the Assembly and its Committees.

During the year 1979 preparation for the holding of the Sixth Triennial World Union Convention at New Delhi from 24th November to 27th November 1979 was in progress. The brief report of the Convention has already appeared in the World Union journal and it is unnecessary to repeat it. However, it has to be admitted that many members of World Union felt rather dissatisfied with the arrangements concerning the Convention. World Union tried its best to make it a very satisfactory and successful event, but the management in New Delhi failed to respond, for which we owe an apology to World Union delegates who attended the Convention.

The 20th Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of World Union was held on 23rd April 1979 at Pondicherry and a Special Meeting was held on the 23rd November 1979 at New Delhi. In both these meetings the members applied their minds actively to find ways and means of improving the working of World Union. Many suggestions were received in this regard and several proposals were formulated for decision by the Executive Committee meeting at New Delhi for the better performance of World Union. In particular Rule 2 of World Union Rules and Regulations was amended to initiate an experiment of starting National Centres in each country in the first instance, which rule has already been published in a World Union Focus. Rules and Regulations concerning National Centre in India will be finalised, it is hoped, in the Executive Committee of World Union to be held on 23-4-80.

The Sixth Triennial meeting of the World Council of World Union was held at New Delhi on the 27th November 1979 when a new Executive Committee for the years 1980, 1981 and 1982 was elected.

We are happy to report that several new World Union Centres were constituted during the year 1971, but we are inclined to urge all World Union Centres in India and abroad to be more active in the conduct of their affairs. We are happy to report that it was arranged, during

the New Delhi Convention, that the Third National Convention of World Union India Centres be held at Lucknow in the last quarter of 1981 and the Seventh Triennial World Union Conference be held at Bombay in the last quarter of 1982.

There is little doubt that the year 1979 has witnessed many changes around the world, in which one can notice that, behind superficial events, new truths shaping a new world order are gradually but with certainty emerging and conditions have evolved which compel nations and peoples of the world to strive to come closer to each other and to attempt for cooperation with each other for solution of world problems. We urge World Union members to have faith in the tide of world unity which is rising. We have to play our role to be helpful to the forces around the world working for human unity and world peace on a spiritual foundation.

Details concerning the activities of World Union and World Union Centres have been published from time to time in the issues of World Union Focus and it is not necessary to repeat them.

Peace Women's Gathering—Public Peace Forums

There will be gatherings for peace held by women at Erindale College Campus, University of Toronto, Mississauga, Canada, from July 3 to 8, 1980. Programme is fixed to receive papers on "The Destruction of War and the Deliverance of Peace"; "The Male-Female Confrontation"; "The Deliverance of Peace"; and "Look to the Future-2000 A.D." There are several sub-heads provided to each theme. Everyone inclined to send a paper on any theme should put himself or herself in contact with Mrs. Helen Tucker, 1524 Douglas Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA L5G 2W8. There have been special sessions arranged on Sunday, the 6th July 1980 when the churches of the community will be asked to devote the day to the discussion of "Peace and Religion". The sessions of the churches will be held on that day in the morning, noon, afternoon and evening.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Delhi: This Centre celebrated the Mother's Birthday in collaboration with Sri Aurobindo Ashram Branch. Apart from the regular visitors of the Ashram 50 participants attended on invitation and it was a successful gathering.

Justice Kailassam could not grace the occasion on account of indisposition. Shri Chhedil Lal presided. He welcomed the audience and spelt out the purpose for celebrating Mother's

Birth day by the World Union from the Ashram as real world union begins here itself. Dr. R.K. Bhan then introduced the two speakers Shri Ashok Narayan, IAS, and Dr. D. P. Pandey. He dwelt at length on the aims and objectives of the World Union and spelt the need for working through all the possible educational mediums for promotion of the ideals of human unity which were originally written by Sri Aurobindo and emphasised and re-emphasised by the Mother. He gave details how ideas for establishing League of Nations and United Nations and now various projects for establishing World Government are being worked all over the world. Thereafter Shri Ashok Narayan presented his paper "SEARCH FOR A UNIVERSAL MORAL ORDER" which is expected to be published in the World Union journal. His presentation evoked lot of interest among the participants and there was very fruitful discussion.

Dr. D. P. Pandey, Founder and Chairman of Manava Bharati spoke at length on the Unity of Man. He traced the ancient scriptures of India which are relevant to the ideals of Unity of Man and stated that as his humble contribution to the cause of Human Unity he has been himself working for education for the good of humanity. His educational institutions both in Delhi and Mussorie are doing the work of imparting actual education to the children and the young girls (the Mothers of the future generations) and this work has been going on for the last 40 years. His contribution to the cause of human unity is an example of what needs to be done and should be done all over the world. Shri S. N. Johar also spoke on the occasion and gave details of the creative work that goes on in the Sri Aurobindo Centre. He was happy to see many thinkers and creative workers attending the function. Shri Chhedi Lal in his concluding remarks emphasised the need for participation of the Citizens of Delhi to build the World Union Movement in Delhi. Contents of his talk have already been published in the March 1980 journal—being speech to "Thinkers Forum".

***West Bengal, Regional:* State Executive Committee met in "Sri Aurobindo Centre of Study" (founded by Regional Centre at Bhadrakali-Hooghly) on 31-1-80 and resolved that (a) The members of all local Centres, who have time and ability, may start nursery and K.G. in their localities for the flowering of World Citizenship in the children, (b) Sanctioned Rs. 500.00 (five hundred) for public Seminars for Forum Human Unity annually for four Seminars on April 4 in Bhadrakali area, on June 21 in Baranagar area, on September 6 in Chandannagar area and November 22 in South Calcutta area each year, (c) Approved the day long Seminar at Konnagar on February 3, 1980 and planned two lectures of Sri S. Krishnamurthy at Narendranath Vidya Mandir, Baranagar on February 29 and at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Shakespeare Sarani on March 5, 1980, (d) Constituted a Committee for four public Seminars in a year with the following: Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Sri Samar Basu, Dr. Biswanath Baral and Sri Subrata Sen, and (e) Condoled the death of the father of Sri Laksmi Narayan Dutt, Asst. Secretary and paid homage to the departed soul of Manindra Nath Halder of Uttarpara Centre.**

With reference to (c) above: In Baranagar Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, the Secretary introduced Sri S. Krishnamurthy after a meditation with the music in Sitar by Sri Mantra Bhattacharya and an opening song by Smt. Jhuma Chakraborty with the tabala accompaniment by Sri Sankha Bhattacharya. Sri Krishnamurthy spoke on "Towards a New World". Sri Samar Basu, Coordinator offered a vote of thanks.

In Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Sri Krishnamurthy spoke on "World Union is a Reality". There he was introduced by Sri Samar Basu and vote of thanks was offered by Sri Sukumar Mukherjee, Vice-Chairman, West Bengal Regional Centre. Sri Krishnamurthy addressed two other meetings on March 4 in Theosophical Society Hall, Calcutta, and on March 6 in Jadavpur University.

Alambazar: An extended meeting of this Centre was held on 23rd January 1980 in the premises of Sri Amulya Ch. Chatterjee under the Chairmanship of Sri Biswanath Mukherjee on the occasion of the 84th birthday of Netaji Subhas Ch. Bose. The meeting started with an opening song of Kumari Sangeeta Adhikary, a radio artist. After garlanding the statue of Netaji, the President requested the members present to stand for a minute in silence to pay homage to the departed soul of Prafulla Dutta, once a revolutionary of the thirties during the British Rule.

Thereafter, Sri Urmibrata Chatterjee gave an appreciable account of the appearance of Netaji and his dynamic work. Sri Dharani K. Bhattacharjee explained why the Alambazar Centre had extended its cooperation for the first time in organising Netaji Day. Sri Samar Basu, who was the Chief Guest Speaker described eloquently the historical background and explained analytically the entire trend from Sri Ramkrishna to Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo to establish as to how and why Netaji Subhas Ch. Bose was born at a time to complete the undone work of Vivekananda, a great exponent of revolutionary socialism in India. Sri Basu's speech went deep into the mind of the audience and they all felt elevated.

Smt. Minu Roy's proposal that from now onwards this Centre should give its cooperation in organising Netaji Day as also other similar days was accepted. Sri B. M. Mukherjee, said in his presidential address that from his student life he knew Subhas Ch. Bose and he felt his amazing personality in all his work. Thereafter, Sri Amulya Ch. Chatterjee, the host of Netaji Day observers thanked the Chair, the Chief Guest Speaker and others present for making this function meaningful to their cooperation. The meeting ended with a closing song by Kumari Namita Halder. Tea, fruits and snacks were served.

Bangalore: The monthly meeting for January 1980 was held on 27-1-80 and the Guest Speaker was Dr. B. K. Narayan, Senior Fellow & Head, Command Area Studies Unit of the Institute for Social & Economic Change. The subject of the talk was "Integrated Development of Resources, Nature and Man". The Speaker was an authority on the subject of Social Science and dealt with it in a masterly manner with illustrations and covering the various aspects. He clearly explained how there should be an inter-relationship between the development of the resources, nature and man himself. As a person responsible for development of all resources that are made available to him by nature for his benefits he must first limit his ambition to the actual needs. But man who has a desire of hoarding for all times to come and for himself seldom thinks of the harm he is doing to Nature. We must learn to use all the resources wisely and to the extent that is just necessary and at the same time taking action to see that the depletion is made good. The talk was very impressive and thought provoking.

The meeting was presided over by Sri Thandaveswara who said in his concluding re-

marks that many economic concepts dealt with by the Speaker were quite new and deserved a very careful study and application.

World Union Children's Day—Bangalore The World Union Children's Day was celebrated on 2-2-80 in an unique way. The precincts of N. M. K. R. V. First Grade College for women wore a festive outlook and was humming with activity as the one hundred and ten boys and girls together with their teachers made a beeline into the classrooms for participation in the function. All the students took part in an essay writing contest for an hour. They were served with coffee and snacks. The function commenced at 4:30 P.M. with an invocation by Kum. Geetha Rameswaram, Sri Thandaveswara, President, World Union Bangalore Centre, welcomed the children and guests and introduced the Chief Guest Sri Y.M. Narasimha Murthy, Managing Director, International Chemical & Biological Institute and a lover of children. He said that the chief guest's name was a by-word with all the children as the Founder-Chairman of the Humour Club International. It was most apt that a person who loved children so deeply and lived with them for most of his spare time and encouraged them in all ways that were open to him should be amidst to address the children. Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana spoke about the World Union and its activities. Sri Y. M. Narasimha Murthy spoke about the various aspects of humour and treated the audience to a feast of fun and laughter. While the talk was in a lighter vein it had its own morals and every anecdote was thought provoking and intended to set the students on right thinking and right action.

All the students who participated were given a Kannada-Kannada gem dictionary as a memento—an invaluable gift from World Union Bangalore Centre and the first ten best essays were awarded prizes. The function came to an end with a vote of thanks by Sri M. K. Rameswaram.

Another monthly meeting was held on 2-3-80 and the subject of the talk selected by the speaker Prof. K. Rajeevalochana was "Manava-Viswa Bhandu" meaning "Man-The Universal Kindred Being". The Speaker dwelt at length on how the society has been made up of various segments, each with its own functions and at the same time forming part of a whole and complimentary to each other, There was never any collision between each. While each was drawing its sustenance from the other, it also nourished others. It was an atmosphere of peace and amity. However, things have changed owing to the outlook that men have developed in recent times when each individual and group wanted to aggrandise as much as possible resulting in the present day conflict and consequence turmoil. If only mankind could learn to live with love and affection towards each other and if man could develop in him the concept that he is a part of the whole which he is bound to keep going we could still develop a society worthy of living. The meeting was presided over by Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana. Sri M. K. Rameswaram, Secretary, introduced the Speaker and also proposed a vote of thanks.

Bon-Hooghly: The 5th monthly meeting was held on 9-2-80 at 6:00 P.M. at the residence of Dr. B. Bhattacharya, Bon-Hooghly Govt. Quarters, 104 B. T. Road, Calcutta 700035. The Chairman Sri Kalidas Karmakar presided. Some young devotees of the locality were also present. The meeting started with a very melodious song by Km. Banasree

Bhattacharya followed by meditation for 10 minutes. Sri Ashok Ray Chowdhury and Sri Akhil Mazumder and Sri Dulal Paul took part in talk on self preparation for the coming world union and its function. Dr. B. Bhattacharya explained at length the scope and function of Centres and the necessity of opening new Centres everywhere. Moreover he stated that it is also necessary for all Centres to meet together once a month to communicate their views to each other on opinions, advancement, process of self preparation and so on. Finally he stressed that after thus being self equipped with sufficient knowledge and instinct for welfare activities for humanity any difficult problems can be solved in the absence of which all our efforts will go in vain. Let us pray to the Mother for grace. Discussion ended with thanks to all.

***Muzaffarnagar & Patel Nagar:* A joint meeting of the two Centres of Muzaffarnagar was held on 24th February 1980 at the residence of Smt. Sushila Rani (49/IB New Mandi, Muzaffarnagar).**

After meditation and prayers the president S. R. Emperor explained the aims and objects of the World Union as well as the minutes of the Special Meeting of the World Union held on 23-4-79 at New Delhi to the audience. He also stressed to the members of the meeting the importance of their financial help, whether personal or through others to the World Union, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry. The tape record of the Mother was also played at the meeting. After a vote of thanks by the Secretary, the meeting ended with devotional songs, meditation and distribution of Prasad.

***North Bantra:* On the 21st February 1980 at 6:30 P.M. the members of the Centre observed the 102nd birthday of the Mother. After group meditation flowers were offered to the benign feet of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo by the devotees present. Opening song was sung by Shibani Chakraborty. Birendranath Karak and Basudeb Jati read the third Chapter of 'The Mother' by Sri Aurobindo. Selected writings of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo were read by Shibani Chakraborty, Debjani Chakraborty, Rina Neogi, Baby Neogi and Prakash Ch. Neogi. Sushil Das recited a poem 'Anupama Ma' composed by Abani Singha. A poem 'Alore Santan' written by Satadal was recited by Mantu Panja. Abhilash Mukherjee read some lines from 'Savitri'. Basudeb Samanta delivered an inspiring speech on the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. The meeting ended with the devotional song of Shibani Chakraborty.**

On 29th February 1980 the 'Golden Day' was observed by the members of the Centre. Opening song was sung by Mohua Ghosh. Flowers were offered at the lotus feet of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo after group meditation. Basudeb Samanta delivered a speech on the 'Sadhana of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo' leading to the Supramental descent upon earth for the transformation of the humanity. Basudeb Pal and Jiban Krishna Gosh spoke on the lives and works of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Samar Roy recited the poem 'Invitation' of Sri Aurobindo. Bablu Das recited his self composed poems on the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. A symposium on the 'Supramental Descent' was held on this auspicious day. Sri Sushil Das, Prakash Neogi, Abhilash Mukherjee, Rina Neogi, Baby Neogi, Shibani Chakraborty, Debjani Chakraborty, Biren Karak, Basudeb Samanta, Mohua Ghosh and

Manika Halder participated in this symposium. The meeting ended with devotional song by **Mohua Ghosh**.

Uttarpara: A Special Meeting of the Headmasters of: (1) Amarendra Vidyapith, Uttarpara, (2) Bhadrakali High School, Bhadrakali and (3) Bhupendra Smriti Vidyalaya, Hindmotor and the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of World Union, Uttarpara Centre was held on 9-2-80 at 3:00 P.M. at the premises of Amarendra Vidyapith to discuss "How the student-Teachers' Workshops" will be set up and conducted. The matters discussed and adopted included Study Classes, Debates, Student Workshops, Physical and Psychological training and procedures for effective implementation.

The 78th monthly Seminar was held on the 8th March 1980 at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith at 6:00 P.M. Sri Samar Basu presided. After devotional song and group concentration the meeting started at 6:00 P.M. At the outset the Chairman informed the members of the Seminar to be conducted by Shri M. P. Pandit at Nargol in Gujarat State during 4-8 May 1980. He also invited all the members to attend the Seminars and exhibitions to be conducted by the Forum for Human Unity during 4-6 April 1980.

Thereafter Shri N. K. Roy was requested to raise the question—once again and this time with elucidation—which he put up in the last Seminar. Shri N. K. Roy wished to have some clarification in regard to the periodicity of different stages of social evolution, in particular in which period of history did the Rational age of society commence. He further asked if it started functioning after the French revolution then how it was possible for the Gita to contain so many rational arguments. Shri S. K. Gupta very nicely dealt with the question. He explained that the evolutionary progress as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo and elucidated in his "The Human Cycle" related to the collectivity and not to a few individuals. In every stage of evolution there were a few individuals who did not belong to the stage in which they were born and grown but to the period which was yet to come.

In the Gita the human disciple Arjuna was an individual of that type. The Divine preceptor Sri Krishna wanted to raise the society through Arjuna and hence his teachings to him. Then the Chairman explained at length what was stated by Sri Aurobindo in regard to the characteristics of the rational age and how it would proceed to the next stage of social evolution and concluded saying that the Gita was written in the typical age of Society. The meeting ended at 8:00 P.M.

New Centres

Youth Centre: This Centre in Shillong was opened in February 1980 with Miss Sarita Goenka as Chairperson; and Sri Vinod Kumar Goenka as Secretary & Treasurer. The address of the Centre is: World Union Youth Centre, C/o Mr. Vinod Goenka, GANESHDASS SREERAM, Police Bazar, SHILLONG 793001, (Meghalaya State).

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LOYALTY TO PLANET EARTH

We are living on an evolutionary Planet Earth. In its evolutionary process Earth has seen many changes: continuous renewals of forms, of principles of existence, of states of consciousness, of ways of living, of institutions for the collective life of humanity and so on. Man has, in this evolutionary process, evolved his loyalty from family to clan, to tribe, to city, to region, to nation. The present evolutionary stage demands loyalty to Planet Earth, which must be paramount and superior to the loyalty to any fragment of Planet Earth. All problems facing humanity should be viewed as world problems, and in their solution, national selfish interests should not be allowed to affect adversely the general good of humanity.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

World Government is Imperative

We quote with approval from what Sydney J. Harris stated during the course of his talk in Chicago region on May 20, 1979: "For myself, I am absolutely convinced that a world state is inevitable in the coming history of mankind —if we permit history to continue without a mutation.

"I think there are only three ways it can or could happen—by conquest, by catastrophe or by consent. Given the state of modern weaponry and defense, the first is impossible and the second unthinkable. This leaves only the third way—consent—which is merely highly improbable.

"But, to paraphrase what Holmes said to Watson, when you dismiss the impossible and the unthinkable, the best you have left is the improbable. Yet, looking down the long corridor of time, is the end of nationalism any less probable than the end of Cannibalism, the end of ritual murder and sacrifice, the end of slavery, the end of tribalism and the city state and the medieval duchy and witch-burning and child labour and the perennial subjection of women and the systematic cruelty to animals—all of which, we must remember, seemed to be part of

our 'human heritage' for aeons, and seemed so permanent a part of 'human nature'. But now we know that man has no fixed nature, only options and possibilities."

Are Nations Capable to take World-View of Problems

A well-known and prominent Planetary Citizen, very familiar with the working of the United Nations, has analysed carefully twenty resolutions of the 1979 34th United Nations General Assembly. They were a cross-section of issues dealing with world peace, economic equity, human rights and social justice, towards world organization, preservation of the environment and ecological balance. In voting over these issues the great powers put up a shoddy performance. Marks were given to 50 major nations in accordance with their performance as a member of world society. The nations who received more than 90% marks are (i) Chile 95%, (ii) Finland 95%, (iii) Sweden 93%, (iv) Austria 93%, (v) Egypt 93%, (vi) Peru 93% and (vii) Argentina 90%. India received 88% marks, Japan 83% and Pakistan 80%. West Germany secured 68% marks, U. K. 63%, China 60% and France 60%. Each of the nations: East Germany, USSR, Iran, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Poland received 55% marks. USA secured 48% marks and Israel 43%.

This demonstrates that the voting in the United Nations does not usually and generally depend upon global view of problems and general good of humanity but on the selfish interests of each nation.

Disarmament and Development

Seventy-five percent of the global arms transfers, including the most sophisticated weapons and military equipments, which was estimated to be 48 billion US dollars, was shipped from industrialised countries to Third World countries during a period of six years prior to 1979.

A substantial reduction in the eighty percent of the world's military expenditure in industrialised countries should be a first step towards any meaningful disarmament. During the past 20 years the trend has shown a relatively rapid increase in the rate of military expenditures in the Third World as compared to Europe and North America. Such expenditures were often at the expense of their development needs.

The link between development and disarmament was much more direct in developing countries. Lower military spending by the industrialised countries might not automatically result in economic and social development either for the developed or developing countries. Arms sale are larger than the national incomes of all but ten nations in the world.

Disarmament could only become a reality when there is detente between the United states and the Soviet Union, between Nato and Warsaw Pact and most importantly among the Third World countries where most of the armed conflicts are taking place, and regrettably, where the development needs are the greatest. The Third World countries must concentrate more on their own development needs and become less dependent on the super powers and industrialised countries. The world invests 2500 times more in the machinery of war than in the machinery of peacekeeping.

Letter from an Indian Child

Dear Friend,

I am writing on behalf of the 250 million children of India. You see us all around you— but do you think of us and our needs?

All through 1979—which was the International Year of the Child—important people talked about our rights and our problems. News about us appeared in the radio and newspapers every now and then. The Government made a plan for our needs and a special fund was started to collect money for programmes that would help us. But even though many people came to know about our Year, somehow they did not respond as well as we had hoped. So many other things happened during our year 1979, that perhaps we were forgotten.

Now our special year is over—but our needs have not been met. We want very simple things: enough food to eat and clean water to drink, clothes to wear and a house to live in, protection against disease, the chance to go to school—to learn and to play, and special care if we are handicapped or in trouble. Above all, we want to have the confidence that someone cares for us, and our well-being. For we believe that our welfare is important to the futures of India.

We think you share this belief—but we do not know if you are ready to stand up and say so. Our needs can be met only if adults work for them. 1979 was a year to remind people not to forget us. The actual change—if it comes—will be seen this year and in the years to come. But only if adults want to bring about the change. And so we ask you: can we depend on you? What you do for us today will determine what we can do for India tomorrow.

We send you our greetings—and our hopes.

From Unicef Literature

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Forum for World Peace—Vallabh Vidyanagar: (1) Under the auspices of the Forum for World Peace, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Shri Rohit Mehta, Theosophist of eminence, was invited to speak on Peace and Unity. The talk—“On Creating a New Mind” was organized on March 11, 1980. Dr. D. D. Jadeja, Secretary of the Forum, welcomed the gathering and said that the foundation of world peace is essentially spiritual. Shri Rohit Mehta observed that the absence of peace and unity in the world is not on account of poverty but because men are “Strangers” to each other. While science has brought the world physically close, thereby making it possible for men to get in touch with each other, to share each other’s joys and excitements, hopes and fears, it is the human beings who have chosen to keep themselves psychologically far apart from one another.

Shri Mehta recalled that the efforts of the League of Nations and UNO to bring about peace and unity in the world have not borne fruit. All treaties, agreements and pacts between nations have been superfluous, perfunctory and half-hearted, he commented. Since war and peace originate in human mind the world can be saved from the conflagration, which is threatening to envelop it, by creating a 'new-mind' which is inspired by a spiritual outlook, a mind which is truly democratic, a mind which considers itself a citizen of the federation of entire mankind. He expressed the hope that dynamic organisations of such new minds will prompt the nations to surrender their sovereignty and pave the way for a world government. In such a world, life will go with a stronger pulse, it will breathe a deeper breath. Shri Mehta congratulated Sardar Patel University for having founded the Forum for World Peace and wished the forum all success.

At the end, Dr. R. M. Patel, Vice-Chancellor, Sardar Patel University and President of the Forum, proposed a vote of thanks.

(2) On another occasion, the Forum invited the well-known Litterateur and Poet, Dr. Shiv Mangal Singh - 'Suman' who delivered a lively talk in Hindi on 'Tagore and World Unity'. Dr. Suman is the former Vice-Chancellor of Vikram University, Ujjain (M.P.) and was also President of All India Board of University Vice-Chancellors.

He said that Sri Aurobindo and Mahatma Gandhi—these two personages can be befittingly regarded as 'Universal Men' whereas Rabindranath Tagore be described as 'Universal Poet'. Tagore thinks that pride and 'patriotism' make man rigid, stagnant and parochial. He prayed to God in these immortal lines:

**Help my heart bloom and blossom
Make it shining and beautiful
Make it fearless, auspicious and holy
Make it free from restraint
Make it, O God, joyous, happy and delightful**

Tagore thought that a sweeter and saner harmony should pervade all types of men's work. God being omni-present there is no need on the part of man to go in search of him, renouncing the joys of life. This theme is recurrent in his celebrated verse collection 'Gardener'. He sincerely thought of mankind as one indivisible monolithic structure and prayed to God in one of his poems to make his country strong, united and free "Where the mind is without tear and the head is held high; Into that heaven of freedom, my father, let my country awake".

Dr. Suman compared Tagore with another eminent poet Chandidas and also expressed Tagore's balanced views on mankind and nationalism.

Regional Centre, West Bengal—Sri Aurobindo Centre of Study: To celebrate the happy occasion of Sri Aurobindo's arrival at Pondicherry on the 4th April 1910, the two units of the World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal —the Forum for Human Unity and the Sri Aurobindo Centre of Study, jointly organised 3 days Seminars with an exhibition on "Salutation to the Advent of New Age", at the Rotary Hall of Swami Niswambalananda Girls' College, Bhadrakali, on the 4th, 5th and 6th April 1980. The Seminar and the exhibition were inaugurated on the 4th April 1980 by Prof. K.C. Pal. Prof. K. C. Pal also spoke on

"Whither individual, society and the humanity?" Sri P. P. Bhattacharya and Sri Samar Basu participated in the discussion.

On the 5th April 1980 Dr. Shyamal Kumar Roy of Burdwan University, spoke on **"Human Unity is a Reality"**. His eloquent speech with comprehensive analysis and explanation was highly appreciated. Sri P. K. Banerjee and Sri S. K. Gupta raised questions which were properly dealt with by Dr. Roy to the satisfaction of the questioners.

On the last day – 6th April 1980, Sri N. C. Mahapatra spoke on **"What India stands for?"** (in English). He elaborately explained what was India to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother by quoting relevant lines from them. He also appraised our cultural heritage and pin-pointed the role of posterity in the spiritual regeneration of India. There were also cultural programmes at the end of each Seminar. The Seminars were attended by distinguished persons of the locality including teachers and students of different schools and colleges, besides members of different World Union Centres. The exhibition material comprises very attractive paintings of the local young artists elucidating the process of evolution of human society as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo in his **"The Human Cycle"** and **"The Ideal of Human Unity"**.

This is, perhaps, for the first time in the history of our movement that an exhibition of this type was organised. This was a maiden endeavour of the students of the Sri Aurobindo Centre of Study – (they are young members of different World Union Centres in West Bengal). The materials are carefully preserved and can be exhibited during the 3rd National Convention in Lucknow and/or the 7th Triennial Conference in Bombay, if so asked for.

Alambazar: The monthly meeting was held on 6-4-80 at 6.30 P.M. at the residence of the Secretary. It commenced with three minutes collective meditation, followed by devotional songs by Kumari Devjani Bose. The members present expressed their deep sorrow for the most untimely demise of Sri Samir Ghatak, a very popular Secretary of the World Union Sodepur Centre and observed one minute silence for peace to the departed soul.

Thereafter, Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya informed the members that a Seminar of the North Calcutta Zone of World Union would be held on 21st and 22nd of June 1980, the details of which will be worked later on. He, however, desired and suggested that **"Integral Education"** be one of the subjects of the Seminar. Sri D.K. Bhattacharya read a small write-up, written by him, on **"Towards a New World Order"**. The Secretary of the Centre submitted the accounts for the year ending 1979-80, out of which Rs. 50.00 was set apart for the purchase of books on Sri Aurobindo's philosophy. The members were entertained with snacks and tea.

Bombay: The following programmes were organised during the months of February and March 1980:

9.2.80 Discourse on **"Meditation for Higher Consciousness"** by Swami Satyaveda-nanda of the Bihar School of Yoga. After the talk the speaker also conducted a demonstration of relaxation techniques. The programme was organised jointly with the Friends of Yoga Society, Sanctuary of Peace and Harmony and the Bihar School of Yoga. The discourse was largely attended. This talk was repeated on 17.2.80 at Chembur.

14.2.80 Talk by Sri M.P. Pandit, Chairman, on **"The Practical aspect of Sadhana in**

the light of Sri Aurobindo Philosophy" jointly with Sri Aurobindo Society at Sydenham College Hall, Bombay. There was a good attendance from all the Centres. Prof. N.F. Kaikobad —UNICEF advisor and Sri N.S. Rao also addressed the gathering.

9.3.80 Talk by Dr. & Mrs. E.V. Beane of "Life Foundation—USA" on "World Without Walls". The talk was interesting and evoked interesting questions. This talk was organised jointly with Friends of Yoga Society and Sanctuary of Peace and Harmony.

Chakradharpur: On 21st February 1980 and 29th February 1980, Mother's 102nd Birth Anniversary and "Golden Day of Supramental Manifestation on Earth" was celebrated in a befitting manner by the members of the World Union Chakradharpur Centre jointly with the members of Aurobindo Society Centre. Programme for 21st February included, group song by children of "SHISHU CHAKRA" devotional song by Miss Nila Das, Sitar and Guitar recital by Sri Prasanta Chakraborty and Sri Swapan Kumar Das. Sri K.B. Ghosh discussed the Mother's teachings elaborately. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Sri B.B. De Chaudhury, the Secretary of the Society Centre.

On 29th February, "Golden Day" was celebrated in a calm and quiet atmosphere with group meditation and the Mother's tape recorded music. Sri Sudhansu Chakraborty read out the Significance of the day as focussed by the Mother in "SHRINANTU" Magazine. The programme also included devotional song by Sri K. Roy, Miss Kaberi Bose and reading from the "Mother's prayers and Meditation".

On 29th March 1980, the 66th Anniversary of the Mother's first arrival day at Pondicherry was celebrated by the members with group meditation, reading from the Mother's diary written on 29th and 30th April 1914 in the book "Prayers and Meditation", devotional songs, the Mother's tape recorded recitation from the book "The Mother" and also an item of the programme. All the programmes were held in a peaceful atmosphere.

Calcutta: The monthly meeting was held on 28-2-80 at 26E Turf Road, Calcutta 700025, with Sri Jagadish Chandra Saha in Chair. A meditation for 5 minutes was observed by the members present.

It was decided that members should attend the Seminars organised by the West Bengal Regional Centre of World Union on 29-2-80 and 5-3-80 with Sri S. Krishnamurthy, Honorary Lecturer from World Union International and also give cooperation and assistance to the various zonal Seminars organised by the West Bengal Regional Centre, including the "Forum on Human Unity" and particularly the one to be held at South Calcutta on 23-11-80 in which the Calcutta Centre with distinguished speakers should actively participate.

It was agreed to make efforts to organize Children Wing as suggested by the headquarters at Pondicherry and to approach schools, clubs and cultural organizations to take up useful programmes. It was felt that Study Circles should lay stress on the life, philosophy and ideals of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. The earlier proposal for a project covering economic and service units as well as community service Centre was reconsidered—for which purpose it was suggested that advice may be sought from Sri Aurobindo Ashram, other World Union Centres and organizations. The possibility of a K. G. School and adult classes was considered in the light of the suggestions given by the West Bengal Regional Centre. It

was also agreed that attempt should be made to invite eminent persons and visitors from abroad, particularly those undertaking research and projects in Calcutta. This would help exchange of views on world peace, universal brotherhood and human unity, leading to the ultimate goal of World Union and World Government.

Chandernagore: The monthly Seminars were held on 20-1-80, 17-2-80 and 16-3-80 at Sri Aurobindo Mandir, Chandernagore where Geeta was discussed and explained very nicely in details from 6th Chapter to 8th Chapter by Prof. S. K. Bhattacharya. It was followed by sweet devotional songs by Smt. S. Kundu and Km. S. Sarkar. All the meetings were presided by Sri M. Ghosh.

On 23-2-80 the Centre celebrated Mother's 102nd birthday at Sri Aurobindo Mandir under the Presidentship of Sri P. P. Bhattacharya and the Chief Guest was Sri S. K. Bhattacharya. The Chief Guest in his speech to the distinguished assembly spoke about 'Who is the Mother?' and the President elaborated the role of Mother in World Union perspective. The quotations from Mother and Sri Aurobindo's writings were read out by Dr. B. N. Baral who also spoke briefly about the history of World Union. At the end there was a session of devotional songs participated by well known group of artists like Sourendranath Ghosh, Rathin Deb Sharma, Suvra Mitra, Subarna Kendra, Suparna Sarkar, and Swarupa Bannerjee. A piece of nice recitation was presented by Km. Esha Mazumdar from her mother's writeup on Mother.

New Alipur: On 7th February the death of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee's father was observed by silent prayer and a devotional music by Smt. Ashima De. Mira Mukherjee read from Gita about the immortality of the soul, where death is stated to be a change of the outer frame only. She also talked about aspiration for higher ideal.

On 6th March, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the significance of 29th February, the Golden day as told by the Mother. He also narrated the miracles of the Mother's grace on him during his recent visit to Pondicherry on this occasion. A meditation with Om and Shanti Mantra was conducted by Dr. Mukherjee on inspiration from Sri M.P. Pandit.

On 3rd April, Dr. Mukherjee read briefly from an article on Veda from "Bartika", selected by Sri Ajit Das. The article (by Gouri Dharnapal) says that though we know that everything is in Veda, at present only some words are living with us, but the truth is lost. To find out the truth one must be a poet, the intellect alone does not help. Prof. Biswanath Roy explained beautifully the two aspects of Sri Aurobindo. One is his philosophy of Life Divine, which most people say is a hard nut to crack. The other aspect is to become the child of the Mother, which is open to all simple people. Dr. Mukherjee then reminded that loyalty to the Divine is our aim which will build up the spiritual foundation. Prof. Subodh Maitra then briefly narrated the personality of Sri Aurobindo as he felt on his first visit. One is not misled by the appearance of things or events if one can develop the habit of going behind it and feel that one supreme power behind everything. This is the motto of the idea of World Union.

Besides these, Dr. Mukherjee travelled in different districts of West Bengal during this period. Two new World Union Centres in *Midnapur* District—Tamluk and Mahishadal, first of

its kind in that district, have already taken shape by his personal contact. He met a representative from *Puri, Orissa*, where a new Centre, first of its kind in that province has been organised after his lecture tour a few months ago. Another new Centre at *Amtala, 24 Parganas*, first of its kind in that area is also taking shape after his recent visit there.

Rishra: In the evening of Wednesdays dated 6th, 13th and 27th of February 1980 at the Centre's office at Luxmi Narayan Cotton Mills' Staff Club Room and at the residence of Sri P. Goswamy, Secretary, after the hymn to Sri Durga and group concentration as usual, readings and discussions were held.

6-2-80 Sri Swadhin Kr. Biswas read out from the selected portion of Sri Aurobindo's "MA", 6th chapter—"Mother is the Spirit and Power of the Supreme Lord and She is the survival of all Creations".

13-2-80 Sri Million Kanti Sikdar (Treasurer) read out from Sri Aurobindo's preface of Geeta--obtaining of supernatural vision of Sanjoy. Sri Deb Kr. Das discussed the method of work to be adopted for making this Centre active and progressive.

27-2-80 Sri B. Chakraborty, General Secretary, read out from the Mother's prayers and paid our homage to "MOTHER" in respect of her 102nd birthday celebration. Sri P. Goswamy spoke briefly regarding the life and activities of the Mother. Discussions ended with thanks to all.

Sondekoppa: The Monthly meeting of the Centre was held on 5-4-80 at Sri Chennakeshava Swamy Proudha Vidya Shala. Sri V. Gangiah, President of the Association presided. Sri M. K. Rameswaram (Coordinator) and Sri S. Krishnamurthy, Hon. Lecturer, were the Guest Speakers from Bangalore. Sri B. Krishnaswamy, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association welcomed the guests and introduced to the audience Sri S. Krishnamurthy who was visiting the Centre for the first time. Sri Rameswaram spoke urging the Centre to expand its activities and enlist more members. Sri Krishnamurthy gave an illuminating talk on the aims and objects of World Union. He explained how spiritual approach was more useful and permanent to bring about the union of the world. He brought home the fact that a war at the present juncture would be very disastrous and may cause the extinction of humanity. Therefore there was a very great need to make more and more people realise and live up to the principles of World Union.

It was agreed to conduct a Seminar cum Workshop on the practical aspects of the aims and objects of World Union. Sondekoppa Centre has agreed to provide all reasonable facilities for conducting the Seminar. With the presidential remarks and a vote of thanks by Sri Ganganarsimhiah the meeting terminated.

New Centres

Mahishadal: This New Centre was actually formed on 1-2-80 by Sri Tirthanath Sarkar and officially organised on 12-3-80, but the headquarters was advised about it in early April 1980 and duly approved. It was inspired by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Secretary, of New Alipur

Centre. The Chairman is Sri Ranajit Boyal; Jt. Secretaries – Sri Aloke Kumar Samanta, Aloke Hazra, while the Treasurer is Sri Sudarsan Maity. The address of the Centre is that of the Chairman being: World Union Mahishadal Centre, Prajnanananda Bhawan, P. O. **MAHISHADAL**, Dist: Midnapore (West Bengal).

Dass Nagar: This Centre was formed on 4-4-80 under guidance of Sri Samar Basu, the Coordinator for Eastern Region. The Chairman is Sri Bablu Das, Secretary is Sri Samar Kr. Roy and Asst. Secretary is Miss Rama Makhal. The address of the Centre is that of the Chairman being: World Union Dass Nagar Centre, P.O. & VILL: **BALTIKURI 711402**, (Kalitola), Dt: Howrah, West Bengal.



General Secretary
April 19, 1980

CORRECTION

At the end of the April 1980 Focus, under the caption of "New Life Members", the numbers 352, 353 and 354 should read: 377, 378 and 379.

DREAM

Have you ever been a dream-killer? Sometimes we don't want another person to be hurt, so we try to cut his dream down to what we think to be his size. Are we fit to judge his size? Perhaps that person can realise his 'impossible' dream. How are we to judge? Gen Cunningham, with burn-scarred legs, became a great runner. Hold on to our dreams and let others hold on to theirs. "No bird soars too high if he soars with his own wings!"

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Every World Union member must remind himself or herself that evolutionary forces are in the process of shaping a world community. Our aspiration and endeavour must be to play an adequate and sincere role in support of those forces. For this purpose we must reject all discriminations and prejudices against others and live for right human relations based on pure love with friends, relations, co-students, colleagues, co-workers, neighbours and also with strangers from other regions or nations.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Meeting of the Executive Committee

The 21st Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of World Union was held at the Ashram Cottage Guest House, Pondicherry, on Wednesday, the 23rd April 1980, at 2:30 P.M. The meeting commenced with a brief meditation accompanied by Mother's music. Including M. P. Pandit, Chairman of World Union and the President of the meeting, there were 34 members and invitees present. Twelve members and invitees had informed of their inability to attend the meeting.

M. P. Pandit addressed the meeting:

"Fellow Workers in the World Union Movement,

It is a particular pleasure for me to welcome you all for this meeting, for it is nearly a year since I had the privilege of deliberating with you all in this precise hall last year. As you know, I was away for practically the whole of the year on a pilgrimage to the western world, though I was following our labours in this country. I have come back, you will be interested to know, doubly fortified in my faith in the contribution that a movement like ours can make to the consciousness of One World, one race. I recall to my mind a scene in San Francisco when, after the meeting which I addressed, one lady came up and said, "Mr. Pandit, I was thrilled to know that you have in India the World Union Organization which is run on a spiritual basis. I don't think there is any other country which runs a similar organization. I came across by accident one of your journals and I am deeply interested, because I myself am

involved in a similar movement, though it is based on certain other psychological principles". They invited me to their movement, to their meeting. I did go and participate, acquainted them with the principles of our Organization, the direction in which we are moving and the general philosophy that inspires us. There I realised the uniqueness of our approach. For us in India it has become a common place, everyone shrugs cynically when you say that ours is a spiritual approach. Can you really hope to solve the political problems, the economic problems, the social complexities with a spiritual approach? Yes, that is the only approach on which you can solve any problem, individual, national or cosmic, it is the consciousness, an awakened intelligence that is required, not the ego-based mind which has brought about all these complications.

I had a meeting with Robert Muller of the United Nations in New York, a very important person, an executive coordinating as many as thirty three specialised agencies all over the world, author of the famous book "Most of all They Taught me Happiness". Originally a Frenchman from Alsace Lorraine involved in the Resistance Movement, who almost got killed by the Nazis, he got interested in world unity under peculiar circumstances. This is not the occasion for me to go into the details. He came to know of our labours through a common friend who is a publicist and he told me that ours is the only approach which can really hope for some success, because without a change of heart, no unity, no accommodation is possible on this high level, and no religion, no moral rearmament programme, no social solution can be lasting. It is only a change in our perspective, a psychological change, a spiritual orientation which exceeds the religious formulations, that can hope to solve and meet the challenge. Having lived in the West for about eight months, I have some idea of the place India occupies in the political map of the world. She counts no where, neither politically, nor economically, nor in any other sense. Does she count anywhere? Even a country like Indonesia is more important for the rest of the world because of its strategic importance. The New York Times hardly devotes three lines to India in its issue of forty or fifty pages except when something sensational, some murder, or some other crime, or things like that take place. It is only in the spiritual dimension that they take their hats off to India. If Indians today enjoy any respect in the Western world, it is because of their spiritual heritage. Despite all our lamentable failures on the moral front, we still have a reputation as a spiritual people. And the whole of America, the whole of Europe, Germany particularly, looks to India for a spiritual contribution, because they know that all other solutions have failed. They have great respect for our spiritual heritage. Many of them think that every Indian who walks down the street is a yogi, knows something of his spiritual heritage. They ask you, "Are you a Yogi?" And people are not wanting who pretend to be that. But there is also discrimination enough to know who are pseypo-yogis and who are true yogis, what is genuine philosophy and what is fake philosophy. They know it very well, and they appreciate non-sectarian, universal and love-based philosophies like the Integral Philosophy of Life Divine of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, the Theosophical Movement which is now more than a hundred years old and which is still a power in the United States, the Movement initiated by Sri Ramakrishna and Vivekananda who still enjoy respect. And we as members of a movement which has its platform open to all approaches having one goal, one truth, one race, one humanity, have a responsibility. Every aspect of life that contributes to human progress—and all human progress ulti-

mately leads to unity, to higher and higher states of consciousness, where all of us come together—, that is a legitimate part of the activity of World Union. I was mentioning to one of my colleagues the other day that even an advance, a contribution in the field of nutrition, of cookery, is a part of the World Union activity, if it promotes general health of people, the health of animal and vegetable creation. Nothing need be excluded from our scope. That is why we have thrown open the pages of our World Union journal to all discussions, all contributions provided they are well-motivated, well-directed. Whatever the field—literature, science, spirituality, psychology, polity, not politics mind you, polity, para-psychology, sociology, we welcome all contributions. We have to be really world-wide in our approach, in our platform, in our thinking, in our own personal areas—in our home, circles like this; we have to build harmony. There are plenty of opportunities to create this harmony. We speak of righteous anger, for instance, a contradiction in terms; no anger can be righteous, all anger is egoistic, ego-inspired and everyone of us owes it to God, to the ideal we keep, to refrain from every movement of anger in our daily life. World Union Movement will never succeed unless we commit ourselves to the implications of World Union concept and ideal in our personal affairs, in our personal lives. It is this truth I want to urge for your acceptance”.

Before the Agenda was taken up and with the permission of the meeting, Prof. S. G. Bhat, the Principal of Law College, Pondicherry, was elected as a member of the Executive Committee to fill up the vacancy caused by the sad demise of Ambady Narayanan.

In matters arising out of the minutes the meeting learnt from the letter of Ronald Jorgensen, that he was doing strenuous work for the completion of the “Quotations on Oneness” and hopes to complete the work by the end of 1981. In the light of the explanation placed before the meeting, it was resolved that a spouse of a member of World Union shall be deemed to be an Honorary Member of World Union, but he or she will not receive journal or Focus. M. P. Pandit explained about the badges to be issued to the members and expressed himself against discrimination by the issue of different categories of badges. After discussion the meeting resolved that an identity card or diploma be issued to a member on enrolment, for which purpose Sri S. Krishnamurthy undertook to prepare a necessary draft.

National Centre of India

Copies of the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the proposed National Centre of India, with headquarters at Bangalore, were circulated to the meeting. These Memorandum and Rules were adopted by the meeting, after which A. B. Patel proposed the following resolution which was passed by the meeting:

“Having adopted the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of World Union’s National Centre of India, with headquarters in Bangalore and with objects and powers wider than those of World Union India Centre, this Committee resolves that World Union India Centre be closed and wound up by or before the 30th June 1980 and that the National Centre of India will commence functioning from the 1st July 1980.

This meeting puts on record its many thanks for the services rendered to the cause of

World Union by World Union India Centre, in particular by its President Prof. N. S. Govinda Rao and its Hon. Secretary Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row, since the middle of 1975.

This meeting authorises M. P. Pandit, the Chairman of World Union International Centre, and A. B. Patel, General Secretary, to constitute an Adhoc Committee to function on behalf of National Centre as from the 1st July 1980 and to do the needful as required by the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the National Centre of India.

This meeting resolves that a National Convention of World Union Centres of India to be held at Lucknow in the last quarter of 1981 shall be deemed to meet under the auspices of the National Centre of India".

Reports of Coordinators

Dr. Kamooben Patel and N. S. Amin as Coordinators submitted their reports orally. Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal and Samar Basu as Coordinators read their written reports published hereunder :

Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal stated: "In the month of June 1979, the World Union Northern Region organised a Seminar at Tapogiri, Ramgarh Talla (Naini Tal) on the spiritual development of the child to celebrate the International Year of the Child. A statement was prepared and published in the leading journals of the country, including the journal WORLD UNION.

A New Centre of the World Union was started at Kanpur in the month of March 1980 and another Centre is shortly to be started in the city of Sultanpur.

Lucknow is going to host the Third All India Convention of World Union Centres in October 1981. When the new Government is formed in Uttar Pradesh in the first week of June 1980 steps will be taken to form a Reception Committee."

A brief Report by Samar Basu, the Coordinator, Eastern Region, on work done in his region during the period of one year from May '79 to April 1980:

1. *Last Report was submitted on 23-4-79—thereafter:* (a) On the 20th August all World Union Centres in West Bengal (excepting 2 or 3) jointly celebrated World Union Day on 19-8-79 at Kamarkundu by conducting a whole-day programme under the auspices of Kamarkundu Centre. The programme was set up as decided by the Executive Committee.

(b) Nearly 110 delegates from the Region (West Bengal and Bihar) attended the Sixth Triennial Conference held in Delhi. Prof. K. C. Pal and Dr. Shymal Kr. Roy from West Bengal took part in the Seminars and Smt. Roma Chowdhury spoke as a Guest Speaker.

(c) During December 1979 Shri Chhedi Lal visited Calcutta and we arranged three meetings, one at Uttarpara Library on the 16th December 1979, where Sri Aurobindo had delivered his famous Uttarpara Speech on 30-5-1909, when Shri Chhedi Lal spoke in Bengali on the Sadhana of the Mother. At other meetings at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Calcutta and New Dawn, Calcutta on 18-12-79 he spoke on the prospects of World Union. Members from different Centres attended the meets.

(d) During February-March this year we had the happy occasion to receive Shri S. Krishnamurthy—our Honorary Lecturer—in Calcutta. We held two Seminars—one to celebrate the 'Subarna Divas' on 29th February 1980, when Shri Krishnamurthy spoke on "Towards a

New World Order'' at Baranagar and another on the 15th March 1980 at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Calcutta, the subject of his discussion was—''World Union is a Reality''. Members of different Centres and interested intelligentsia of the city attended the Seminars and were very much enthused. The Seminars, particularly the last one was informative and had educative values.

(e) During the period—three new Centres in the district of Howrah and one in Calcutta were opened which information the members might have received through our journal.

(f) We have set up two units under Regional Centre with specific assignment. (i) Sri Aurobindo Centre of Study—the annual report of which has already been published in the March 1980 issue of our journal and (ii) The Forum for Human Unity.

It was decided that the forum would chalk out its whole-year programme at the beginning of each year for implementation. For this purpose the entire region was divided into four zones. Each zone would function under a member-in-charge appointed for each zone. For the year 1980, the programme had already been chalked out and its first stage was since completed by holding 3 days' Seminars on 4th, 5th and 6th April 1980 to celebrate the memorable occasion of Sri Aurobindo's arrival at Pondicherry, on 4th April 1910. The other unit, Sri Aurobindo Centre of Study conducted a very attractive exhibition on "Salutation to the Advent of New Age" during the days.

A folder was published for distribution among the members of public who attended the Seminars. (Copies are now distributed to you all). The folders will also be distributed during the next Seminars. This unit also undertook another very important task of publishing periodical Bulletin—Viswa Milan in Bengali. The first issue was already published. The next issues will be published on the dates on which the Forum will conduct Seminars as scheduled.

It was decided that the bulletin will contain : (1) Chapter—wise brief summary in Bengali of the Human Cycle and the Ideal of Human Unity. (2) Bengali version of selected articles published in World Union journal. (3) Bengali version of selected editorials of M. P. Pandit. (4) Brief report on the activities of other similar minded international organizations and associations. (5) Creative literature: short stories one-act plays, poems and essays on subjects relevant to our Movement etc.

If conditions become conducive in future the Bulletin may be transformed into full-fledged bi-monthly or quarterly journal. For the information of the members it may be stated that the exhibition materials are carefully preserved and can be exhibited during the Third National Convention at Lucknow and or the Seventh Triennial Conference in Bombay, if asked for.

World Union Day on 20th August 1980

The meeting decided that every World Union Centre should celebrate the 20th August 1980 as a World Union Day. The theme for the celebration is : "The Highest Concept is World Community, not Nationalism''. In the evolutionary process, nationalism was in the past accepted as the highest concept and it served its purpose for the progress of man. Having formed national units for collective life, the same evolutionary process has now

created conditions which demand that whole humanity should be treated as One Family and World Community should be considered as the highest concept. At this stage Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana was invited to explain the programme of work intended to be undertaken by the World Union Bangalore Centre. He read a paper :

(1) Monthly meeting to be held on the first Sunday of every month from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon when lectures will be arranged by Lecturers being experts in various professional fields such as doctors, engineers, technocrats, social scientists and professors of various arts. Subjects chosen are such that the co-relation between the particular field and human welfare is highlighted. Speech lasts about 40 minutes, discussion follows about 20 minutes.

(2) Monthly meetings, "House Meetings". All Members (husband and wife) meet as guests of a host member, without any fixed agenda and discussions range from happy family, problem child, experiences of their stay abroad, interspersed with cultural items, talent exhibition.

(3) Meetings at professional colleges, where the staff and post-graduate students meet the members of World Union—they are exposed to the ideals of world unity and functioning of World Union.

(4) One Day Seminars, where the theme pertaining to one of the objects of World Union is discussed by a panel of 4 to 5 speakers, drawn from various walks of life, trade, industry, law, teaching etc.

(5) Essay competitions for high school or college and university students conducted at a common place, usually a school or a college and the subject pertaining to the objectives of World Union is announced at the spot. A panel of judges judging the essays and prizes are awarded. Every participant is given a memento.

(6) One or two high schools are chosen and a series of five or six lectures are given to students and staff (usually immediately after the school prayer) all the students of the school participating. Subjects chosen are: (i) World Union—What it is? (ii) Why do we need World Unity? (iii) Man is an example of perfect Unity. (iv) Universal Child and (v) The great leaders of the world—that taught the universal brotherhood etc.

(7) Helping to start World Union Centres at peripheral areas of Bangalore City.

(8) World Union Day.

(9) A Seminar on "Religion, Science & Spirituality". A programme proposed for a week long Seminar.

(10) A dream to be realised is a proposal to construct a building at Bangalore, a World Union House for the National, Regional and Local Centres of World Union, consisting of a meeting hall, a prayer room and a Library in the first stage. A set of rooms furnished in an appropriate manner where visitors and members of World Union from India and abroad come to Bangalore, live and exchange ideas. Steps will be taken from this year for achieving this goal.

Late Ambady Narayanan & John B.S. Coats

The meeting resolved to convey to Mrs. Ambady Narayanan the condolences from the

Executive Committee and to state how World Union had suffered the loss of an active worker in the sad demise of Ambady Narayanan. The meeting recorded the painful and sad demise of John B. S. Coats, the International President of the Theosophical Society, last December and referred to his active and enthusiastic participation in the Sixth Triennial World Union Convention held at New Delhi in November 1979. S. Krishnamurthy spoke about John Coats and referred to his great qualities of head and heart and his wide outlook of world problems. The General Secretary was asked to write a letter of condolences to Mrs. Coats.

International Lecturer of World Union

S. Krishnamurthy, the Honorary International Lecturer of World Union, visited during the last one year Nanjangud, Bangalore, Sondekoppa, Tirupattur in Tamil Nadu, Hyderabad, Poona, Bombay, Surat, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Baroda, Ahmedabad and Calcutta. In all these places, excepting Poona, he delivered public lectures and in some places conducted Seminars with a good response. He will be available in India to all World Union Centres for lectures, conduct of Seminars or Workshops and to speak on special occasions. He will be happy to go to universities on behalf of World Union Centres to deliver lectures and conduct Workshops and Seminars of students, scholars, teachers and professors. The Seminars could be arranged for a day or for a longer duration. The subjects for Seminars and Workshops could be World Unity, Spiritual Oneness, Play of Intuition in Understanding of the Oneness of all Living Beings on Earth and allied Subjects. He will be prepared to address Rotary Clubs, Lions' Club, J.C.'s Clubs and Spiritual Organizations. He intends to carry the message of World Union aims and activities in all possible quarters and World Union Centres and Coordinators, who wish to invite S. Krishnamurthy, should write to him and arrange his programme in advance. In 1980 he will be able to commence his tours from the month of July. If any Centre writes to him and extends an invitation, he will write to near by Centres to make his tour more economical and useful. When an occasion arises for his tour World Union Centres concerned are requested to arrange his lectures. Even if he does not receive any invitation, he will chalk out lecture tours in the interest of World Union and requests the Centres and Coordinators to make his tour useful and helpful. While his travelling expenses are generally met by World Union headquarters, the World Union Centres should provide board, lodging and local transport. His address is: "Shanthi Kunj", 90, VI Main Road, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560041, and his Telephone No. is: 41586.

World Union Centres

We wish to draw the attention of all the World Union Centres that, no Centre is constitutionally valid unless it has five members. Honorary members will not be taken into consideration for the purpose.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

National Centre of India : The first informal committee meeting of members was held at Gokahale Institute, Bangalore at 5:30 P. M. on 5th May, 1980 under Presidentship of Justice Shri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao. Various aspects for implementing the work of the centre and achieving the goals were discussed, resulting in a number of resolutions.

Regional Centre, West Bengal : A meeting of the World Union members of the neighbouring local centres of North Calcutta, Baranagar, Alambazar and Sodepur was held on 10 May, 1980 at New Dawn Calcutta-4 and resolved to hold Three Seminars on (1) World Union to solve world problems (2) Spiritual unity in religious diversity and (3) Integral education for human unity on 21 and 22 June Saturday and Sunday in Baranagar Vidyamandir at Vidyayatan Sarani, Calcutta-35. To hold exhibition of pictures depicting the evolution of consciousness was decided. Prof. Syamal Kumar Ray, Prof. Pareshnath Bhattacharya and Principal P. C. Mahapatra (Puri) have been requested to open the Seminars respectively, where Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee and Sri Sujit Kumar Palit will sum up the contents of the participants. Sri Hemendra Kar and Mrs. Sampa Ghosh are in charge of musical programme and recital of poems. Mrs. Minu Roy is in charge of over all management.

Bangalore : On 4th May, 1980, the monthly meeting was held at the N. M. K. R. V. First grade college for women, Jayanagar. Sri. C. Anantha Char, Professor of Sanskrit and research scholar in Philosophy addressed the members on the Subject "Mind and Consciousness". It was attended by large number of members and Professors and was a intellectual feast. During his talk, he developed theme of triple manifestation of the Divine in the light of the Sankhya philosophy and also the Sat, Chit and Anand aspects of the Divine. He covered the fourfold process of withdrawal for the purpose of Sadhna whereby the whole human Physic nature can become completely relaxed. Thereafter the experience of Samadhi can take place. The talk was interesting and inspiring.

Bon-Hooghly: The 6th monthly meeting was held on 22-3-80 at 6 P. M. at the residence of Sri Ashok Ray Chowdhury when Sri Chitta Ranjan Chowdhury, Advocate, presided. Sri Debashis Dutta introduced the new members and discussed the aims and objects of World Union and its necessity in the future world. Following meditation for 10 minutes an elaborate discussion was started by Sri Chitta Ranjan Chowdhury. He stated that it is the Hour of God and the new consciousness has descended on the earth and men are awaking. The planet earth is changing due to the Sadhna of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Those that are not preparing themselves to receive that consciousness, will be obstructing the work of the

Divine Force but the Force will not brook any opposition. Further, ignorance is no excuse for the present world crisis faced by humanity now-a-days. If we want to overcome the world crisis, there is only one way and that is to work for world unity; it is indispensable to obey the law of God. He appealed to all to come forward and join the World Union for fulfilment of the aims and objects on a spiritual foundation. The meeting ended at 8:00 P. M. with thanks to all.

Cultural & Economic Council: April 1980: A meeting of the council was held on 6-4-80 at the residence of Mrs. Minu Roy at 52/5 Vidyayatan Sarani, Calcutta-50. After group concentration for 3 minutes, the members and the present guests observed condolence for late Samir Ghatak, a life member of the council, who suddenly breathed his last on 10-3-80. 2 minutes silence was observed for prayer and paying homage to the departed soul. Chairman, Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya and Gen. Secretary Sri Samiran Ghosh informed that the council would ever remember this active young cheerful member during its course of activities many of which were mainly initiated by him. He was also the Secretary of Sodepur Centre and actively supported the World Union movement for the last seven years.

After the opening song by Smt. Debjani Basu the members discussed about the ensuing seminars to be held on 21st and 22nd June '80 in collaboration with regional centres under the management of Alambazar, Sodepur, North Calcutta and Baranagar centre. President Sri Bhattacharya announced that 21 Bighas land at Fulia, birth place of poet Krithi Bas may be available for building of a community centre of the council. Sri Bhattacharya and Sri L. N. Dutta, the Treasurer, proposed to visit the site around next month. The members also decided that the election of the new Executive Committee could be held around July '80 after the Seminar. The meeting concluded after a vote thanks by Sri Samarin Ghosh.

May 1980: The Meeting for May '80 was held on 4-5-80 at the residence of Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya at 28/1, Mannapara Road, Calcutta-50. After group concentration the discussion mainly took place about the public seminar to be held in June '80. It was decided that Sri P. C. Mahapatra, Secy. cum Principal, Integral Education Centre, Sri Aurobindodhan, Puri would be invited as a speaker on the subject "Education for Human Unity". The other two subjects for final approval of other centres:-

- a) World Union to solve world problem
- b) Spiritual Unity in Religious Diversities

The venue of the seminar has been tentatively arranged at Baranagar Bidya Mandir. The members of the council welcomed all the suggestions and assured to co-operate with the organising centres to make the seminar a success. The meeting ended after a vote of thanks to the chair.

Calcutta: The monthly meeting for March 1980 was held on 29-3-1980 at 3, Kedar Bose Lane, Calcutta 25 with Sri. Arun Kishore Mukherjee occupying the chair. After observing meditation for 5 minutes, Shri. J. C. Saha initiating the discussion, told that the root cause

of the present day disharmony and chaos of the socio-political life, could be traced from harmful domination of the so called "Economic Life" over the integrated whole life, ignoring the greatness of the Spiritualism and supremacy of the Soul. He recalled the great word of Mahatma Gandhi i.e. "Spiritualised Politics" and stressed the immediate need of making the whole politics to be based on humanity and spirituality. Sri Arun Kishore Mukherjee said that the great work of Veda and Upanishads should be presented in a simple and practicable way so that the common people can take advantage of same. Shri L. N. Dutta discussed and put forward suggestion to solve the problem of poverty and unemployment. It was decided to consider the proposal for starting an Old Age Home or Health Resort Centre in some suitable place and also to organise study circles and participate actively in the seminars organized by the regional Council.

Kanpur This centre was opened in December 1979 but its inauguration ceremony was held at 133, "M" (Parnakuti), Kidwai Nagar, Kanpur on March 16, 1980 at 11.30 A. M. Shri Chandradeep Ji, the well-known Sadhak and devotee of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry inaugurated the Centre and emphasized upon its members to work wholeheartedly for the development of the movement sponsored by Sri Aurobindo for the oneness of all human beings in the world.

In the beginning all the members and other people present at this auspicious occasion offered prayers and devoted themselves to meditation. Dr. Sitaram Jaiswal, Co-ordinator of the Northern Region, in his Presidential address vividly explained the aim of the movement and exhorted all the members to foster in all men the consciousness of the oneness of all life and the essential Unity of mankind. He mentioned Sri Aurobindo's idea that every-one should carry on activities which promote the evolution of an integrated individual and a unified collectivity on a spiritual basis. The General Secretary Shri R.K. Awasthi assured Shri Chandradeep Ji and Dr. Sitaram Jaiswal that he and other members will work with heart and soul for the success of the movement in Kanpur. Shri Jagannath Khanna, Shri Vipin Kumar Srivastava, Shri Shiva Kumar Kapoor, Shri Mool Narain Dhawan and Shri Ram Kumar Kapoor of Sri Aurobindo Society, Kanpur also addressed the meeting and blessed World Union members for constant devotion and chalking out of new programmes for the success of the movement. After a vote of thanks by the President Parmarathi Krishna Kumar Gupta the meeting ended with prayers, meditation and distribution of Prasad.

Rishra: In the evening of 2nd, 9th and 23rd April, the group concentration, readings and discussions after hymn to Shri Durga were held at the L.N.C. Mills' Staff Club Room. Sri B. Chakraborty read out and discussed from the Mother's Prayers and then from Sri Aurobindo's Jagnath's Ratha on the subject of "Dream" (Swapna) referring to the lives and thoughts of Hari Mohan and Tinkori Seal. In consequences of their activities in the former lives, none could be excused from the troubles and tribulations in their present lives. Tinkori Seal could not have rapturous delight inspite of having large wealth and riches causing the inordinate propensity for lack of purification of mind. Evil begets evil and good begets good. It is the law of nature. The meeting ended with thanks to all members present.

Uttarpara: The 79th monthly seminar of this centre was held as usual on the 12th April'80 (Second Saturday) at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith, Uttarpara at 6:00 P.M. After devotional song and group concentration Sri Samar Basu spoke at length on "Human Aspiration". In his long speech he endeavoured to elucidate "How Mankind has been progressing since its appearance on earth as a result of unseen forces working within it. This progression"—he further pointed out, "has been and still is the result of its aspiration to move forward and upward surpassing all limitations. This aspiration which preoccupies man will in the long run lead him to his ultimate goal."

Sri Basu also explained the importance of this force—"Human aspiration" in moulding and remoulding men's nature and that was why Sri Aurobindo dealt with this subject in the first chapter of his "The Life Divine". This aspiration—the earliest preoccupation of man would surely enable him to establish the Divine Life on earth. The earliest promises would be its last—" Sri Basu concluded. With the devotional song the meeting ended at about 8:00 P.M.

The 80th monthly seminar of this centre was held at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith on the 10th May'80 at 6:00 P.M. to observe the 120th birth anniversary day of Rabindranath. Sri Samar Basu presided. After devotional Rabindra Sangeet with group meditation the meeting started just at 6:00 P.M. when the Chairman informed the members of the proceedings of the 21st annual meeting of the Executive Committee meeting held on 23rd April'80 at Pondicherry.

Thereafter, Km. Medha Banerjee offered Rabindra Sangeet. Then Prof. Amiya Nath spoke on "The Religion of Man"—the Hibert lecture delivered by Rabindranath at Oxford University, London in 1930. It was due in 1928. But Rabindranath on his way to England fell ill at Madras and postponed the voyage. Instead he reached Pondicherry via Colombo and met Sri Aurobindo who gave special permission for the meeting. Thereafter in 1930 Rabindranath reached England to deliver the lecture. Professor Nath spoke at length with quotations from various books of Rabindranath—how he had been in search of his "True Being" from his boyhood till the last days of his life. In this arduous journey he had to shun his earlier beliefs and proceed further to get hold of more profound TRUTH that guided the humanity in its march towards final consummation. "This realisation of his", Prof. Nath emphasised, "he explained in that memorable speech on 'the Religion of Man'".

With the closing songs offered by Km. Medha Banerjee and vote of thanks to the guest speaker proposed by the Chairman, the celebration ended at about 8:15 P.M.

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1980—THE YEAR OF CHANGE

Behind apparent chaos and confusion, clash and conflict, struggle and strife, violence and the arms race, restlessness and indiscipline, conduct and behaviour rooted in forces of falsehood, the year 1980 is laying the foundations for a new world, a new world order, a new international economic order, the end of exploitation by rich persons and nations, the end of supremacy of the super-powers, the end of armaments and the arms race; for conduct and behaviour governed by spirituality and rooted in aspiration for the realization of truth and improvement in the quality of humanity and human relations.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

World Citizens Assembly:

We wish we would have given earlier information of the Third Session of World Citizens Assembly, organized to build a World Community, to be held in Tokyo, Japan, from July 27 to August 7, 1980. The First Session of the World Citizens Assembly met in San Francisco in July 20-25, 1975, the Second in June 25-29, 1977, in Innsbruck, Austria and July 1-5, 1977, in Paris, France.

Now, the Third Session of the World Citizens Assembly will meet in Tokyo when the participants will focus their attention on the following commissions: (i) How to Stop the Arms Race. (ii) How to meet the basic human needs and preserve the environment. (iii) How to promote education for world community and citizenship. (iv) How to develop supra-national and global institutions. (v) How to work with religious and "new age" groups to build world community.

The proposals for agenda items of the Assembly include: (i) Fasting as a political protest and identification with the starving (Sympathetic fasting during Assembly in Tokyo connecting with Ramadan?). (ii) Confronting social and political obstacles through Satyagrah—truth force and civil disobedience. (iii) Promoting dialogue on human survival and fulfilment among religious and secular oriented groups. (iv) Development of model resolutions for religious bodies endorsing world community. (v) Building continuing networks of task forces

between religious groups. (vi) Development of World Citizens Conciliation task forces.

Dr. Lucile W. Green of USA, a dynamic personality working for building a world community with great energy and enthusiasm and highly interested in the promotion of world government, is the President of the World Citizens Assembly. Sri J. N. Puri of New Delhi, Honorary Secretary of World Union Delhi Centre, who participates in several organizations working for world unity, is a member of the Executive Committee of World Citizens Assembly.

International Year for Disabled Persons, 1981

and

World Conference of the UN Decade for Women at Copenhagen:

On the above two subjects arrangement was made by United Nations Information Centre, New Delhi, to brief Non-Governmental Organizations on the 14th May 1980 and we wish we were able to publish this information in the June 1980 Focus. Dr. H. S. Szuszkiewicz, Director of United Nations Information Centre, welcomed and introduced the officials who were to brief the NGOs and thanked them for having accepted his invitation. He also thanked the NGO representatives for coming to the briefing and expressed the hope that they would find it useful in chalking out plans for their programme.

The UNIC Director gave a short background leading to the designation of International Year of the Disabled Persons and to the adoption by the General Assembly of an Action Programme. He said this was a field in which NGOs could play a particularly useful role and he emphasised the need to approach employers organizations and to convince them that disabled persons can make a full contribution to the nation's economic and social life.

Mr. Bhaskar Ghose, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare, and Mr. Tej Prakash, Under Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare, emphasised the importance India attaches to the International Year for the Disabled Persons as India had voted in favour of the resolution proclaiming the year. The government had appointed a National Committee to finalise the Plan of Action and to review its implementation from time to time. The National Committee had met at the beginning of May and had adopted the Draft Plan of Action. The basic approach in the Plan was to get away from the traditional pattern of conducting seminars, workshops, etc. and to evolve very simple down-to-earth programmes for the future action. The following key areas would receive priority: (i) A nucleus of services for the young disabled child under 14 years of age; (ii) affording work of opportunities in various setting to disabled people; and (iii) to build a reliable national data based on the disability. This did not however mean that no attention should be paid to other areas.

Mr. Ghose said India had good progress in some fields such as the manufacture of artificial limbs which allow a person even to squat and sit cross-legged. He stressed the adoption of techniques suitable to Indian conditions. He suggested that NGOs should approach employers and persuade them to employ disabled persons without any discrimination.

Mr. Tej Prakash commended the assistance received from UNICEF due to which it was

possible to strengthen the education and resettlement of the disabled. He said that training of teachers for disabled children was very important and India had made good progress with the help of UNICEF.

Answering a question from the audience, Mr. Ghose stressed that the legislation alone was not enough to achieve the objectives and could even be counter-productive as experiences in some European countries have shown. He said the understanding of employers and society was essential to obtain their cooperation. Copies of the Government's Plan of Action for International Year for the Disabled Persons were distributed to NGOs.

Mrs. P. Ramaswamy (UNICEF) said that Recommendations for Action formulated by the Delhi Office of UNICEF in consultation with the countries in the Region will be placed before the Executive Board for approval. Mr. Tuli (WHO) said rehabilitation of the disabled was an on-going project so far as WHO was concerned and WHO had collaborated fully with the governments in various spheres. He said that the child was the theme of last year's WHO DAY. He referred to the seminar in December 1978 organized by WHO on Community Programme for medical education, the recommendations of which have been implemented in full.

Referring to a short introduction given by the UNIC Director, Mrs. N. Buch a Member/Secretary of the Preparatory Committee for the Women's World Conference, confirmed the existence of a number of documents and papers prepared, and partly, already published. She said it was true, as had been published in the press, that in many fields the goals set by the Mexico Conference in 1975 has not yet been achieved. However when reading the reports one realised that a great deal had indeed been done in various countries, including India. As an example she said enrolment of female students had certainly increased.

Going over the 14 minimum objectives adopted at Mexico and to be implemented by governments by 1980 she explained the steps taken by the Government of India to improve the status of women and give them equal opportunities. She said the problem was complex but during these first five years of the Women's Decade, India had learnt much from experience and this would be shared at International level. Self-help was an important aspect, and when it comes to lessening the burden of work of women, particularly in rural areas, not all remedies required large funds.

Mrs. Ramaswamy (UNICEF) said that UNICEF had prepared an education paper on the status of women in South Central Asia which contained a special analysis on UNICEF assistance to India. UNICEF'S Executive Report will be presented to the Copenhagen Conference.

In conclusion the UNIC Director announced that he would in due course request NGOs to send a short outline of their plans for IYDP which would then be circulated among NGOs in a summary form as was done in the cause of IYC and on other occasions.

In the meetings of the NGOs convened by United Nations Information Centre, New Delhi, World Union is represented by Shri J. N. Puri, the Secretary of World Union Delhi Centre.

M. P. Pandit's 63rd Birthday:

Many friends and well-wishers felicitated M. P. Pandit, our Chairman, on his 63rd

birthday—14th June 1980. Our student-contributor, Luna (14 years) sends us the following tribute which we gladly publish :

APOSTLE OF THE MOTHER

“An apostle of Sri Aurobindo” “An apostle of Sri Aurobindo” this headline flashed in papers and prefaces, it aroused curiosity in some and brought forth nods of approval from others. But that was two years ago.

For a man whose every moment of life is a step forward, something that happened two years ago could be very well related with that popular prefix **“once upon a time . . .”**. Time has changed now, the rose which smelt sweet, has now a sweeter fragrance, a man who was called **“an apostle of Sri Aurobindo”**, can now aptly be called **“apostle of the Mother”**.

Sri M. P. Pandit has flown like a bird from land to land calling to other birds, inviting them, inspiring them, to fly with him to the Great Nest. Like the flute player of yore he has charmed one and all with his pen, his speech; his call has thrilled and set ablaze all hearts.

He has spun around him a web of love and light, and all who come near him, enchanted and full of hope, dive into his peace. His smile is a whirlpool of joy that engulfs all. Truly, an apostle of the Mother of Love!

LUNA (14 years)

Inauguration of World Union's National Centre of India

As has been already announced in the previous Focus, the World Union's National Centre of India, with headquarters at Bangalore, starts functioning from the 1st July 1980. An Adhoc Committee, of which the President is Sri Nittoor Srinivasa Rau. Retired Judge, is functioning pending regular Committee as provided in the Rules of the Centre. The Centre will be inaugurated by Sri M. P. Pandit on the 6th July 1980, report of which will be published in due course.

INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

Unilateral Initiative is offering \$ 2,000.00 in prizes for essays of 3000 words or less on the following theme:

“The drift toward war between the United States and Russia seems inexorable: What fresh ideas and plans for their implementation could you offer toward a constructive new relationship between the U. S. and the U.S.S.R.?”

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ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

National Centre—India: A meeting of the Adhoc Committee was held on 1st June 1980 at N. M. K. R. V. Girls First Grade College, Jayanagar, Bangalore at 12:00 noon. The details regarding inauguration programme for 6th July 1980 as well as some other matters were dealt with.

At the request of the Committee, the following invitation is published for general information of World Union members.

Invitation

The Secretary, Adhoc Committee National Centre-India reports that the inaugural function of the National Centre-India will be held on Sunday 6th July 1980 at 10:00 A.M. at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, Bull Temple Road, N. R. Colony, Bangalore 560019. (South India) Phone: 602436. Sri M. P. Pandit, Chairman, World Union International has agreed to inaugurate the National Centre, Sri A. B. Patel, General Secretary, World Union International will be participating to bless the function (health permitting).

Sri Govinda Narayan, Governor of Karnataka is being approached to be the Chief Guest. The Presidents, Office-bearers and Members of the World Union Centres in India are requested and cordially invited to participate in the function and bless the National Centre. For further information please contact: Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, 197, 7th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560011 (Phone: 41721).

Bangalore: The monthly meeting was held at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday 1st June 1980 at N. M. K. R. V. First Grade College for Women, Jayanagar, Bangalore, Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row presided. Col. C. R. Gopinathan was the Chief Speaker. The subject was: "Transplantation of Organs, What Next?".

The learned lecturer traced the history of transplantation of organs to the Hindu epic period. Example from animal to human, the head of an elephant to the trunk of human in Lord Ganesha; from human to human Bedara Kannappa transplanting his eye to the Lord Shiva; rejuvenation as in Yayati and so on. He traced in detail how transplantation of organs including the heart had their romantic and often disturbing progress. Today the spectacular achievements in the fields of Biology, Bio-physics, Biochemistry and Electronics have revolutionised the field of transplantation and what was thought impossible yesterday is found possible today. About the future, many mysterious human factors still defy the Scientist and the Technician. A day has come none too soon, when all these achievements have to be viewed from Ethical, Moral and Social aspects, which are the dominating factors for human happiness. After a lively debate the Chairman Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row remarked that there exists an unknown and undetermined force that guides the human life.

Regional Centre—West Bengal—Sri Aurobindo Centre of Study: The members of Sri Aurobindo Centre of Study organised a special Seminar on "New India Movement" at Swami Niswambalananda Girls' College, Bhadrakali, on Sunday, the 25th May 1980 at 5-30 p. m. when Swami Poorna Swatantraji of New Delhi spoke on the subject as a Guest Speaker.

The Seminar commenced at 5-40 p. m. after devotional song and group concentration. In his introductory speech Sri Samar Basu, organiser of the Centre, briefly explained the purport of the subject and why the members of World Union are to take part in the Movement. Thereafter the Speaker spoke at length (about 1½ hours) on the subject. He emphasised that the Nation had one single goal before independence and that was to free India from foreign yoke, but after independence it could not find out what would be its aim. So, inspite of some outer development (physical) Nation's Soul has not been discovered. The task has to be made complete. For this purpose, Sri Swatantraji further stated that he had drawn up a long-term project which would have to be implemented phase by phase.

Dr. Biswanath Baral and Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya offered some suggestions and asked questions for further clarification, and Sri Poorna Swatantraji dealt with them.

The Seminar was attended by members of different World Union Centres in West Bengal and Professors and Students of local colleges and interested persons of the locality, who whole-heartedly appreciated the venture and expressed their full support for the movement. Sri Vasudev Samanta proposed a vote of thanks. The Seminar ended at about 7-45 p. m.

Swami Swatantraji also attended the study centre and had discussions with the young members.

Bon-Hooghly: The 8th monthly meeting was held on 17-5-80 at the residence of Sri Ashok Ray. The meeting started at 6-30 p. m. following 10 minutes meditation. Dr. B. Bhattacharya was in the Chair. Sarbasree Debashis Dutta, Dulal Paul, Ashok Ray Chowdhury Gopal Sen and J. K. Ray took part in the discussion. Sri Debashis Dutta explained the basic principle of the World Union and its necessity for the present and the future world and for solution of world problems. Sri Ashok Ray Choudhury dwelt on the different aspects of the World Union. Sri Dulal Paul stated that we shall have to equip ourselves from within to be the soldiers of light of the Movement. Sri Gopal Sen discussed the problem of concentration. Sri J. K. Ray talked about the "Tantra" and its different stages. A large number of "Tantrics" are wrongly utilising its power for their own interest etc. etc.

At the end Dr. B. Bhattacharya summarised all the discussions, stressing the self preparation invoking the Grace of the Mother. He also cited the proverb "Less talk and work more" for the effective self-preparation. The meeting ended at 9-00 P. M.

Calcutta: The meeting for April was held at 26E Turf Road, Calcutta-25 on 20th April 1980 at 7-00 P. M. with Sri Arun Kishore Mukherji occupying the Chair. It commenced with meditation for five minutes and opening song by Master Barunava Bhadra.

It was unanimously decided and resolved that World Union Community Relief Services organised by Calcutta Centre would start with project works in relief services amongst the needy and poor people with all types of medical cares, relief facilities and assistance services with immediate effect preferably from 1st May 1980 (opening relief services was actually held on 25th May 1980). The services would be available at the morning time about 9:00 A. M. and the place has been tentatively fixed at 36 Turf Road, Calcutta 700025.

The proposal for starting Old Age Home has been unanimously accepted and would be considered in detail later on after finding out suitable place or places for working with the said project.

In response to the directive given by the Executive Committee of the World Union and its meeting held on 23-11-79 at New Delhi, it was decided to start a Children's Wing with a variety of programmes and activities relating to development of the high morality, strong personality, good civic sense, spiritual consciousness and feeling and belief of human oneness amongst the children so as to make them quite fit and perfect to become ideal citizens in future particularly towards attainment of our ultimate goal of Human Unity—World Government. For that purpose, it was decided that children's Wing would hold its activities and meeting on 3rd Saturday of every month at 26E Turf Road, Calcutta 700025 in the evening. Further it was decided that with this Children' Wing a "Pen Friendship" Centre would be developed through the cooperation of the World Union Centres and like minded organizations in India and their counterparts in foreign countries.

Regarding Associate Membership of the World Union as approved by Sri A. B. Patel it was decided that interested persons, preferably the students and young people, would be admitted as Associate Member of World Union with nominal membership subscription not exceeding Rs. 6. 00 per annum payable to the Centre. Further it has been clarified and confirmed by Sri A. B. Patel that Associate Members of the Centres would also be eligible for participating in the National and International Conferences of World Union as delegates of the Centres subject to payment of the necessary delegate's fees and also compliance with other requirements in this respect.

Delhi—2nd May 1980: J. N. Puri, General Secretary, represented World Union at Bahai's Spiritual Assembly held on 2nd May 1980 to celebrate the 109th birthday of Bahauallah.

14th May 1980: J. N. Puri represented World Union to the NGO Briefing function organised by the United Nations Information Centre, New Delhi. As the United Nations is preparing a number of a major global activities the NGOs were invited on the following three items:—

(a) The 1980 World Conference on the UN Decade for Women – 14-30 July 1980, Copenhagen, Denmark. The Conference is to take stock of the achievements or lack of the same at this mid-way point in the decade.

(b) *International Year for the Disabled Persons 1980:* The purpose of the year is, among other things, to create world-wide awareness of the problems of disabled persons; to bring job opportunities; to improve their working and living conditions; and to promote effective measures of preventing disability.

(c) *UN Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy (August 1981) Nairobi, Kenya:* The fundamental objective of the Conference is to elaborate measures for concrete action to promote the development of new and renewable sources of energy particularly with a view to contributing to meeting the energy needs of developing countries.

As the above subject matters are of great importance to india and are of greater significance to Non-Governmental Organizations, officials of the Union Ministries concerned were invited to brief NGO representatives on the preparations and other relevant activities which are being undertaken. Apart from the Government representatives, officials of the WHO, ILO and UNICEF also attended. World Union members are requested to take active part in such events.

15th May 1980: As a follow up on the proposal initiated by Swami Swatantraji on the new project "Search for Integral Leadership in Talent for India" which has been discussed earlier twice at Sri Aurobindo Ashram, the meeting of the representatives of several cultural and social service organizations of Delhi was invited by Dr. M. P. Chhaya, Director, Bharatia Vidya Bhavan to consider the matter further on the 15th May 1980. The meeting was attended by about 15 representatives of various organizations and Sarvshri Chedi Lal, J. N. Puri and D. D. Gupta also attended the meeting. After discussion it was decided to draft an initial document so that participation and cooperation of all the various organizations may be sought for organising a Convention in Delhi in the 2nd week of July 1980.

Dassnagar – Balitikuri: (Earlier, the name of this Centre was stated as "Dassnagar" but the correct name is "Dassnagar-Balitikuri"):

On the 24th April 1980, a function was held to commemorate the permanent arrival of the Mother in India. After group meditation, flowers were offered at the benign feet of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. Opening song was sung by Rama Makhal and Monika Halder. Mother's four personalities as depicted by Sri Aurobindo in "The Mother" were read by Samar Roy, Monika Halder, Buddha Deb Samanta, Rama Makhal, Bablu Das and Dipti Adak. Two devotional songs were sung by Monika Halder and Rama Makhal. Samar Roy and Pijush Bhadra read the third chapter of "The Mother", former in English and the latter in Bengali. A prayer for those who wish to serve the Divine was read by Pijush Bhadra. Its Bengali version was read by Basu Deb Samanta. Rajkumar Mondal read a prayer from the Mother's "Prayers and Meditations". Basu Deb Samanta delivered a nice speech on the Mother and Her unique work for the earth. The meeting ended with a song by Rama Makhal.

New Alipur: On 8th May, the birthday of Rabindranath Tagore was celebrated in the monthly gathering. It started with a demonstration of Kathak dance by Smt. Manju Guha Roy. Tagore music was offered by Smt. Ashima De and a recitation by Tanuja Mukherjee. The Chairman, Sri N. C. Deb, narrated briefly the story of meeting of Rabindranath with Sri Aurobindo at Pondicherry in 1928 and read out Tagore's impression on that occasion that "he has seen the light in Sri Aurobindo and one day Sri Aurobindo will come out with this light in the outer world". In this connection, Sri Deb gave a thrilling account of how Rabindranath was brought down in a barrel from the deck of the ship by rope in a boat at Pondicherry port, because of his ill-health. The musical programme on "Sri Aurobindo-Rabindranath" was offered by Sri Rabi Gosh, Kheyali Ghosh and Kalyan Roy along with Sri Ajit Das and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee in the recitation - on the basis of a writing by Sri Anirbanji, published in Srinwantu. This made the whole atmosphere in tune with a spiritual vibration.

On 5th June, the World Environment Day, Sri Ajay Halder, from Mala Village, offered some folk songs. Sri N. C. Deb proposed to chalk out some lively programmes to have further impact in the neighbourhood regarding World Union Movement. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee invited the members to have active collaboration instead of passive attendance in the monthly meetings. So long he is working in his individual capacity, but high is the time now to make a collective effort. In this connection, Sri Rajen Ganguly of Pondicherry Ashram, told that our approach should be from within to without. Mere outward activity without inner sentiment—social or political—leads nowhere. Hence Mother formed this

World Union on a spiritual foundation. Sri Aurobindo's teaching "All life is Yoga" is indispensable in this Movement. One should work with a yogic attitude. A yogi by a mere vibration or radiation can even bring out a revolution (as happened in French Revolution).

C. N. S. Palpara: The usual monthly sitting took place on Sunday the 20th April 1980 evening at the residence of its Secretary, attended by the President Sri S. N. Banerjee and the Treasurer Sri D. P. Roy Choudhury and other interested gentlemen of neighbourhood. In this get-together the learned spokesman lucidly narrated in a most interesting way the theme of "Savitri" with reference to "Bhagavat Geeta". It has been agreed to set up a sort of library in this Centre consisting the works of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

From now onwards the monthly sitting of this Centre will take place on the first Sunday evening of every month at its Secretary's residence at 26/10 Sashibhusan Neogi Garden Lane, Calcutta-36 and all interested are requested to participate.

Shillong: In the monthly meeting of the Shillong Unit held on 4-5-80, Dr. J. Joseph and Sri Gurusadaya Ghose were elected Vice-President and Secretary respectively. The members present also decided to take necessary steps to enlist more members for this Unit.

Uttarpara: The members of World Union Uttarpara Centre, solemnly observed the memorable day of the 30th May, on which date in 1909, Sri Aurobindo came to Uttarpara to deliver his famous "Uttarpara Speech". A meeting was held on 30-5-80 at its office premises at 7-00 P. M. when they discussed the subject of the Master's speech and its spiritual significance.

Banani, Shampa, Nabanita and Samar Basu took part in the discussion, while Sri S. K. Gupta read out selected portion from the speech (in Bengali). It was in this speech that Sri Aurobindo publicly divulged for the first time what he would do for the regeneration of humanity on spiritual foundation. Uttarpara speech was the key to open the gateway of Sri Aurobindo's life and Sadhana and here did like its significance. Before that we knew very little of Sri Aurobindo and that was also from the writings of his colleagues. Only Rabindranath in his 'Namaskar' indicated something of his inner being. It was he who fully revealed himself in his speech and that he did as directed by his inner being. It was for this reason that the speech was given so much importance.

The meeting ended with Rabindra Sangeet which automatically roused with musical tone, memories in the mind of Amarendra Nath Chattopadhyaya of the time when he had the chance to meet Sri Aurobindo for the first time. It was Amarendra Nath, one of his close collaborators, who took Sri Aurobindo to Uttarpara after his release from Alipore jail, to speak in the "Dharma Sangrakshini Sabha".

New Centre:

Shanthinagar: This New Centre in Bangalore was opened in early June 1980 under guidance and assistance of Sri M. K. Rameswaram, Coordinator and Sri B. Krishnaswamy of Sondekoppa Centre. Sri N. C. Annaiah is the Chairman and Kumari A. Ambuja is the Secretary & Treasurer. The address of the Centre is that of the Chairman being: World Union Shanthingar Centre, No. 83 Kengal Hanumanthaiah Road, Bangalore-560027.

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CONSTRUCTIVE THOUGHT AND ACTION

Planet Earth, in its long evolutionary process, has witnessed periods of new creation or rapid changes, of stability or negligible changes and of destruction, often large scale. It appears that humanity is passing through an era when new creation and destruction are simultaneously taking place, when old forms, old institutions and systems, old principles of existence, and old states of consciousness are dissolving and simultaneously new forms, new institutions and systems, new principles of existence, and new states of consciousness are evolving and taking shape. In such a situation, life on Planet Earth often appears to pass through chaos and confusion. Let us, world union members, support, wherever possible, creative, constructive and positive thoughts and actions.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

27th June

On the 27th June 1977 a unique event in the history of the human race took place at Innsbruck, Austria when a Constitution for the Federation of Earth was finalised and adopted by delegates from 26 countries and signed by them.

The third anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth fell on the 27th June 1980 and the Sri Lanka Branch of World Constitution and Parliament Association, functioning under the able guidance of Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe, marked the occasion by holding a very successful public meeting. The meeting was presided over and attended by wellknown citizens of Sri Lanka and during the course of the meeting the following message of A. B. Patel was read: "The human race is passing through an era when behind apparent chaos and confusion, clash and conflict, struggle and strife, violence and the arms race, restlessness and indiscipline, conduct and behaviour rooted in the forces of falsehood, the Evolutionary Process is shaping a new world, a new world order, a new international economic order. the end of exploitation by rich persons and nations, the end of supremacy of super powers, the end of armaments and the arms race, conduct and behaviour governed

by spirituality and rooted in the aspiration for the realization of truth and improvement in the quality of humanity and human relations. The choice is to be made by humanity either to help or to hinder the Evolutionary Process. If the nations and peoples of the world support the Constitution for the Federation of Earth for the promotion of a Democratic Federal World Government, the Evolutionary Process will be helped."

The celebration of 27th June by World Constitution and Parliament Association – Local Chapter of West Bengal was held on Friday the 27th June 1980 at 24 Haranathpur Road, Bhadrakali. After devotional song and group concentration, the meeting commenced the celebration of the memorable 'Day' of 'New Age' when Prof. K. C. Pal presided.

The last year's report was read out by the General Secretary of the Local Chapter and in his introductory address he elucidated the significance of the 'Day' (the 27th June) when in June 1977 a Constitution for the Federation of Earth was adopted by the 2nd World Constituent Assembly held in Innsbruck, Austria and was signed by the delegates. He briefly referred to the work done by the World Constitution and Parliament Association from 1958 to 1977 and also referred to other International Non-Governmental Organizations working on the same line.

Concerning the 'task ahead' the General Secretary read a portion of Mr. Philip Isely's letter dated 3-3-80 wherein the latter laid stress on the work of the Campaign for Ratification of the Constitution. The Local Chapter decided to endeavour (i) to organize an Inter-University Seminar on the issue of Ratification sometime in August 1980 in Calcutta Shantiniketan, when Calcutta, Burdwan and Rabindranath Bharathi Universities would participate; (ii) to enrol as many sponsors as honorary members as possible on payment of Rs. 5.00 only, who would be given a copy of the Constitution free; (iii) to conduct the B. D. O.s of different Blocks in West Bengal to carry on the Movement in villages through them; (iv) to meet influential M.P.s and Ministers concerning the Movement of the Ratification; and (v) to get the new form for Ratification printed and signed by as many wellknown persons and intellectuals as possible.

After a long discussion the meeting decided that New Delhi could be the best place for the holding of the Provisional World Parliament in 1982 by WCPA. In his Presidential address Prof. Pal explained at length how great men of this world—from Aristotle to Stuart Mill, from Tennyson to Rabindranath, Mahatma Gandhi and Nehru—dreamt of One World and World State. He emphasised that it was necessary to hold annual conferences in different places of West Bengal to involve eminent personalities in the Movement.

Third National Convention of World Union Centres in India

For unavoidable reasons it has not remained practical to hold the Third National Convention at Lucknow in the last quarter of 1981. Therefore World Union has requested the National Centre of India recently formed, with headquarters in Bangalore, to arrange the holding of the Third National Convention in Bangalore. All members connected with the National Centre of India and also the members of World Union in Bangalore have welcomed the suggestion. Details concerning the holding of the Convention in Bangalore will be published in the next Focus.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

National Centre-India Inauguration:

The auditorium of Gokhale institute of public affairs Bangalore was full with the elite of Bangalore city and suburbs including ladies and gentlemen in hundreds, members of the press to participate in the inaugural function of the World Union – National Centre-India. The function started with a minute's silent prayer, followed by invocation by Smt. Rathna Subramanyam. Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, President, World Union Bangalore centre and Secretary, National Centre-India, while welcoming the guests, narrated in detail, the Origin, Motto, Symbol, Aims and Objects and working of the world union movement. He stressed the relevance of this great spiritual movement to the state of the present world. He traced the necessity for the formation of national centres in every nation of the world and the process and thinking that resulted in the formation of the first national centre, National Centre-India and how due to the active working of the Bangalore centre, this cosmopolitan city with pleasant weather—Bangalore—was—chosen for this honour to serve the World Union movement. It is really fortunate that a person of national repute, of high stature in public life, retired Chief Justice of the High court of Karnataka, Ex Central vigilance commissioner, Interim Governor of Karnataka and one who has been shaping the activities of the renowned Gokhale institute of public affairs—Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao has been chosen to head the Ad-hoc committee of this National Centre—India and that he has agreed. It is most auspicious that an eminent, distinguished, devoted spiritual soul, who has been conveying the message of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother throughout the world, an author of several books of national fame, Chairman of World Union International Centre, Sri M. P. Pandit is inaugurating the National Centre to-day. To day the National Centre-India has been blessed by a great soul Sri A. B. Patel, the General Secretary and Treasurer of World Union International, who is the soul and strength of World Union movement, who but for his poor health would have been with us to bless the function personally. In concluding his speech he said that the World Union extends its invitation to every one to join this noble spiritual movement based on scientific basis to make the world happier to live. Sri M. K. Rameswaram, Coordinator, South zone, read the messages received from Sri Govinda Narayan, Governor of Karnataka, Sri Prabhudas Patwari, Governor of Tamil Nadu, Sri A. B. Patel, General Secretary World Union-International Centre and Sri K. S. Viswanathan, President, Nanjangud centre of World Union. After delightful music of devotional songs by Srimathies Pankaja Simha, Vasanthi Rao, Padma Subba Rao, Chitra Rama Moorthy, Shoba Iyer, Indira Viswanath, Prabha Nagara; and Meena Viswanathan, Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao delivered his presidential speech (this speech will appear in the September'80 issue of the Journal). Sri M. P. Pandit inaugurated the National Centre by lighting the lamp and delivered his speech (this will also appear in September'80 issue of

the Journal). Sri H. S. Narayana Setty, Treasurer, World Union Bangalore Centre, proposed vote of thanks. Packets of sweets were distributed to all by courtesy of Sri and Smt. K. S. Sridharan.

A delightful dinner was arranged at Wood Lands, Bangalore in honour of Sri M. P. Pandit, Dr. Kamoooben Patel and Vasanthi Rao by members of World Union on 6-7-80 at 8 p.m.

A press conference was held on 1 July 1980 at Gokhale Institute of World Affairs to explain to the press the WORLD UNION MOVEMENT, its origin, motto, aims and objects, its organisational structure and activities. Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao explained to the representatives of the press the salient features and answered their queries. All the members of the Ad-hoc committee were present.

All India Radio-Bangalore recorded a talk by Sri M. P. Pandit (for later broadcast) on 6 July 1980.

West Bengal Regional Centre

A two-days seminar was organised on 21st and 22nd June, 1980 at Baranagar Vidya-mandir, Bidyayatan Sarani, Calcutta-700035.

On 21st June, 1980 the seminar commenced at 5 p.m. with three minutes group concentration and devotional song by Sri Kalyan Roy. The day's subject of discussions was "Integral Education for Human Unity." Principal Purna Chandra Mahapatra of Puri opened the discussions. Other speakers were Sri U.B. Chakravorty, Janab Mashrek Ali and Dr. Biswanath Baral. Sri Surjitkumar Palit concluded the discussions. In a cultural programme at 7 p.m. devotional songs were offered by Sri Robi Ghosh, Sri Kalyan Roy and Smt. Kheali Ghosh on behalf of North Calcutta Centre.

The day's seminar was over at 7-30 p.m. On 22nd June 1980, the programme covering two seminars commenced with three minutes group concentration and opening song by Smt. Sangeeta Adhikary. The first seminar started at 5 p.m. with the subject "Spiritual Unity in Religious Diversity." Prof. Paresh Nath Bhattacharya inaugurated the seminar and participant-speakers were Maulana Sultan Ahmed Jaffar and Janab Mashrek Ali. Dr. Sukumar Mookherjee concluded the seminar. At 5:00 p.m. a musical programme on "Human Unity" was offered by Sodepur Centre where participants were Smt. Ranjana Mitra, Smt. Kakali Guha, Smt. Shampa Ghosh, Sri Swapan Brahmachari, Sri Sajal Brahmachari and Sri Samiran Ghosh.

At 5:30 p.m. the 2nd seminar on "World Union to Solve World Problems" started. Opening talk on the subject was delivered by Prof. Syamal Kumar Roy followed by talks by Prof. Aniruddha Chowdhuri, Sri Ramakrishna Goswami and Dr. Sukumar Mookherjee. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya concluded the seminar. At 7:30 p.m. musical programme on Sri Aurobindo's Epic "Savitri" was offered jointly by Alambazar Centre and Baranagar Centre and participants were Sri Mantra Bhattacharya, Sri Sankha Bhattacharya, Sri Buddha Deb Dutta, Sri Prodip Das, Smt. Debjani Bose, Sri Shaibal Bose and Sri Arup Bose. The programme ended at 8:15 p.m.

Pictures depicting "Education and Consciousness" and "Salutation to the Advent of New Age" were exhibited on both the days.

The seventh Annual meeting of the State Council was held on 22nd June 1980 when

Dr. Arun Kumar Sil presided. After group concentration, one minute silence was observed in respect of the two departed souls of **Samir Ghatak** of **Sodepur Centre** and **Munindra Nath Halder** of **Uttarpara Centre**. Condolence messages were to be sent to the respective families.

Thanks were expressed for the contribution of Rs. 11,000/- to the Regional Centre by the committee of 2nd National convention held in October 1978 at Calcutta.

The resignation of **Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya** as Secretary of the Regional Centre was accepted and **Sri T. K. Sinha** was elected as Secretary. The office of the Regional was changed to "New Dawn". 18-A, Ramdhona Mitra Lane, Calcutta 700 004. **Sri Samar Basu** was appointed as Honorary Auditor for the next two terms.

As proposed by **Sri L. N. Dutta** – it was decided to observe the World Union Day 1980 at South Calcutta where the hosts will be the Calcutta Centre jointly with Chakraberia High School Centre.

Ashoknagar: A meeting of the members was held on 5-7-80 at the residence of **Shri Narendra Nath Chowdhury** under the Chairmanship of **Dr. J. N. Khan**. In this meeting the executive body of the centre has newly been formed unanimously with **Dr. J. N. Khan** as Chairman and **Sri Benoyendra Nath Sarkar** as Secretary and other office bearers. Further it was resolved that the study circle will be held on the first Sunday of every month and **Shri Swapan Roy** has been elected as in-charge of the circle.

Bombay: **Sri M. P. Pandit** gave a series of talks spread over two weeks from 10th to 21st May 1980 organised by **Sri Aurobindo Society, Bombay**, and **Chembur Branch** in collaboration with World Union, Bombay.

He gave inspiring talks at Chembur on **Veda, Upanishad, Tantra and Gita** on 11th and 18th May 1980. He said that great Aryan wisdom poured through these great priceless ancient scriptures and during that age 'Rishi' was the natural leader of the Society. The Upanishad revealed the profundity of knowledge to expound the various Vidyas like **Brahma Vidyas, Pran Vidyas and Guhya Vidyas**. The knowledge of **Chakras, mantras and sound body** is an additional contribution Tantra has made to **Yoga sadhna**. Vedas revealed a great synthesis but in Gita we find the flowering of all system of yoga into perfect blends and the solution of all the spiritual problem. Though **Sri Aurobindo** did not follow any particular scripture yet we find more references from Gita in his writings.

He delivered thought provoking lectures on "New approach to life", "One Man Revolution" and "Mother on India" on 10th, 11th and 18th May 1980. He observed that man must become conscious of truth of life. From normal life man must return to true life. By deepening of love and knowledge the spirit of fraternity will grow from within abolishing the ego and man will gradually grow into universal man. He will develop global consciousness, and love and compassion for all will flow from him. He dwelt at length on how the Mother of **Sri Aurobindo Ashram** took charge of the Ashram and founded the spiritual society to make life worthy and to embody it with divine consciousness. In 1958 : he started the movement for Human Unity and Peace. At **Blavatsky lodge** a meeting was organised in collaboration with **Sanctuary of Peace and Harmony and Friends of yoga Society**. He narrated his personal feelings about the various spiritual movements in America and Europe and observed that

people are disgusted with old traditions and there is a complete break through for new kind of life. Equality of status, freedom and opportunity for all are the crying demands and new trends towards evolution are taking shape. The meeting ended with a melodious devotional song by Shree Rameshbhai— Music teacher at Navasarjan Academy of Integral Education, Nargol.

All the talks were well attended and the audience represented the cross section of the society. The speaker was flooded with earnest questions at the end of his talks. All World Union members actively cooperated with the members of Sri Aurobindo Society in organising the summer lecture series. Snacks and tea were served.

Sri Pandit also blessed the inauguration of a series of talks in Marathi on "Sri Aurobindo" by Prof Shivajirao Bhosle, Professor Mudhobi College, Phalton Dist. Satara. Sri Pandit recited a Vedic prayer and blessed the series. The series started on 27th May 1980 and concluded on 31st May, 1980. They were held in the heart of the city and at a place which had a historic importance. They were attended everyday by about 2000 persons.

Under the joint auspices of Sri Aurobindo Society and World Union on 1st June 1980 Prof. Shivajirao Bhosle gave another talk at Rajashree Shahu Sabhagriha (Shivaji Mandir), Dadar, Bombay 400 028, on "Sri Aurobindo" under the presidentship of Mr. Sudhir Joshi Ex-Mayor of Bombay. The talk was largely attended.

Sri M. P. Pandit addressed the public meeting at Arya Samaj Hall, Santacruz on 17th May. He explained at length "What Indian Culture can give to the World". He also addressed the meeting on 21st May, at the premises of Sri Aurobindo Society at Sahakar, Churchgate and gave a talk on "All life is Yoga".

Bangalore: The study and discussion Seminar of Bangalore Centre was held at Sondekoppa and Sondekoppa Centre were the hosts—on Saturday 14th June 1980. The theme of the Seminar was "Unity in Multiplicity".

The inaugural function from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. was presided by Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao. After silent prayer and invocation, messages received from Sri. A. B. Patel, General Secretary & Treasurer, World Union International, Sri L. Shivappa of the Theosophical Society, Bangalore, Sri G. Ramaswamy Iyengar, Ex-member of Legislative Council and University Senate, were read by Sri B. Krishnaswamy, Secretary, W. U. Sondekoppa Centre. The President of the Centre welcomed the delegates, tracing the historic importance of Sondekoppa. Sri S. Krishnamurty, International Lecturer, delivering the key-note address, traced the history of World Union, the guiding principles, the noble objects and achievements. He traced world events and the role World Union has to play in solving them. Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao, in his Presidential address dealt with the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo and other philosophers and dealt at length the problems that the present generation has to solve and the necessity for organisations like World Union to consolidate and work towards human unity. Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, President, World Union Bangalore Centre, proposed vote of thanks.

Sri P. V. Rajagopal was the President for the Seminar on "Challenge of Tomorrow". Four speakers participated—being: Smt. Bhuvaneswari Ramaswamy, Sri Haneef Jawaid, Sri B. V. Subbarayan and Smt. V. Rukmini Krishnamurty. Each speaker dealt with a specific area

of world problems: Advancement of science, technology; United Nations, its working; International agencies; Education etc. and discussed the repercussions each have on the future of humanity and the role World Union can play in solving them. In his Presidential address, Sri P. V. Rajagopal, spoke of the great importance of individuals realising the consciousness in their duties and train themselves spiritually to attain the bliss and happiness without which even to think of world unity would be futile. We have to realise the Supreme in our thought and deeds. Vote of thanks was proposed by Sri H. K. Shantaveerappa, Secretary of Bangalore Centre.

Smt. V. Rukmini presided over the public lecture from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. by Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana on "Wonderful Creation—Man". The Speaker said that the body represents an ideal structure and perfect creation. The four principles of cooperation, coordination, reliability and flexibility are exhibited in the human body which is meant not only for routine work but extraordinary and unlimited achievement. There is a phenomenal progress in Bio-physics Bio-chemistry and Mathematics in recent times, still the unknown and unexplored facts of life and its working is very vast. Smt. V. Rukmini in her Presidential remarks stated that the visible body is only one of the several body structures in the human being; many invisible structures and coverings exist. The human brain is capable of realising them as man advances in his insight and thinking.

There was Music programme from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Violin Solo by Sangeeth Rathna Vidwan P. Bhuvaneshwaraiah and Party. Sri S. Krishnamurty introduced the Musician who is an A. I. R. artist and who has delighted the audiences throughout East Asia, Europe and America. A divine, delightful music performance by the Vidwan for two and a half hours thrilled the audience. With a sumptuous dinner, the Seminar was declared closed.

Bon-Hooghly: A special meeting was held on 31-5-80 at 7 p.m. at the residence of Sri Ray Chowdhury when Sri Kalidas Karmaker presided. Dr. B. Bhattacharya inaugurated the meeting and urged the members to be inspired by the following lines of the Savitri:-

“Only were safe who kept God in their hearts;
Courage their armour, faith their sword, they must walk,
The hand ready to smite, the eye to scout,
Casting a javelin regard in front,
Heroes and soldiers of the army of Light.”

Sri N. C. Ray, Chairman, Calcutta North Suburban Centre, also participated in the discussions and explained the matter with reference to Yoga as well as concept of Sri Aurobindo with illustrations. The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m. with vote of thanks to the Chair.

The 9th meeting was held on 14-6-80 at the residence of Sri Ashok Ray, Calcutta-35. Sri Radha Raman Banerjee was in the Chair and Sri N. C. Ray was the Chief Guest. The meeting began at 7 p.m. and was inaugurated by Sri Keshab Chandra Ghatak who made out his idea about meditation with reference to Savitri and requested the Chief Guest to elaborate the subject in this context. Sri N. C. Ray explained the episode with reference to the style and system of Yoga as well as definition and illustration. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Chandernagore: The monthly meetings for four consecutive months were held on 20-4-80, 18-5-80, 31-5-80 and 15-6-80 respectively. Bimonthly sittings are introduced from May'80 in order to enlarge the activities of the Centre. During these sittings the Geeta was fully discussed from 9th Chapter to 11th Chapter along with the interpretations of Sri Aurobindo by Prof. S. K. Bhattacharya. He mentioned that the Slokas or Verses of Geeta are like flowers in a neatly strewned garland. Its rhymes are "Anustupa" and when these are sincerely heard, they save us from all Kamanas and Basanas. He elaborated nicely what is 'Niskama-Karma' and how it can be practiced as per Geeta's instructions. Such Karmas must be impersonal and free from discontent. He further explained the "Kundalini Shakti" and also the "Vishwa-Rupa" of Lord Krishna as per the 11th Chapter of Geeta.

Inspiring devotional songs were presented in all the seminars by Km. Suparna Sarkar, Km. Swarupa Bannerjee and Smt. Mallika Dasgupta. Mr. M. Ghosh presided over all the meetings and Sri S. Mishra and Sri N. D. Chatterjee gave thanks to the Chair. The members and guests were appraised of the World Union Regional Centre's programmes held from time to time.

New Alipur: On 3-7-80, the monthly seminar started with devotional song by Sm. Ashima De and meditation with Ashram music. Chairman, Sri N. C. Deb read out the Bengali version of Sri A. B. Patel's article on World Union movement as printed in Vishwa-Milan (Bengali bulletin). He reminded all by saying that 'World-brotherhood' is being preached since the Vedic age. He also mentioned about Abdulla Baha in this movement before Sri Aurobindo came in the field. The world at present is facing an imminent total destruction by nuclear weapons. It seems there is no way out. Sm. Amita Chatterjee, with reference from Gita, said 'nothing can stop Time or Evolution to move forward'. Sri Biswadev Bhattacharya recalled the opinion of other spiritual leaders on human unity. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee pointed out the truths in all statements. Destruction is sometimes necessary for new construction; hence the overall picture is not pessimistic. The World Union workers can at least aspire for higher consciousness to realize the world union which is already there. Prof. Subodh Maitra mentioned about some great scientists who admitted a vast field of energy beyond matter while working with electrons. This energy is at the root of all material phenomenon but it is beyond their reach. This is quite in conformity with the experience of the ancient seers "Isha-vasyamidam Sarvam". Science and spirituality meet in this region where the conception of 'One World' is no more an imagination.

Palpara: The monthly sitting for May & June 1980 took place on 4th May and 1st June respectively at its Secretary's residence—26/10 Sashi Bhushan Neogi Garden Lane—attended by members and some guests. As informed earlier, the monthly sitting of this Centre takes place on the 1st Sunday evening at 7 p.m. of every month at the said address, and all interested are welcome.

Rishra: In the evenings of 21st and 28th May 1980, after usual group concentration, Hymn to Sri Durga and Mother's prayers, readings and discussions were held at the

L. N. C. Mills Staff Club-room and at the residence of Sri Parimal Goswamy. 21-5-80: Sri B. Chakraborty read out from Mother's Conversations.

28-5-80: Sri P. Goswamy read out from Sri Aurobindo's preface of Geeta – the fundamental reasons of depression and Sri B. Chakraborty read out from Mother's Conversations. Discussions ended with thanks to all.

Uttarpara: Bankim Jayanti was celebrated in the 81st monthly meeting held on Saturday the 14th June'80 at 6 p.m. when Sri Samar Basu presided. The celebration started with "Bande Mataram" the famous "Mantra" of Bankim and group concentration.

Thereafter the guest speaker Shri Tarakdas Mitra spoke on "Social thinking of Bankim Chandra". In his learned speech Shri Mitra elucidated what was Bankim's place as a literature in the Social revolution of Bengal—though he was the most misunderstood man. Shri Mitra emphasised that he was misunderstood not only by the contemporary social reformers but also by a few modern professors who depicted him as a reactionary and non-progressive novelist. A proper evaluation of Bankim Chandra was a necessity so that his role in building up of a New Nation could be rightly understood by posterity. Then Sri Samar Basu spoke on "Sri Aurobindo on Bankim Chandra". He elucidated Bankim's creative genius as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo.

At the outset the chairman reported that a MOBILE-LIBRARY, would start functioning by the members of the Women Wing of this Centre—namely, Shampa (organiser), Banani, Nabanita and Swapna, from the 27th June'80 (the memorable Day on which Bankim was born 142 years ago, and on which "A CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATION OF EARTH", was adopted and signed for the first time in the social and political history of mankind, by the representatives of 25 different countries of the world, at Innsbruck in 1977). This centre would also run a Free-Reading section from 29-6-80. With the closing song—"Salutation to Sri Aurobindo" the meeting ended at about 8 p.m.

The 83rd monthly meeting was held on Saturday the 12th July'80 at the library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith at 6 p.m. when Shri Samar Basu presided. After vocal song on "WORLD UNION" (composed by Shri Basu) offered by Banani and Nabanita with group concentration, the meeting started at 6:15 p.m. In his introductory speech the chairman stated that the subject "Education through Library" was selected for discussion to enthuse the young students to utilise the services of the Mobile Library and the Free Reading Room started functioning from the 27th June'80.

Thereafter Dr. Sadananda Bhattacharya read out his paper on the subject. He elaborately discussed the limitations and the short coming of the educational policy and method followed in our academy and how they could be made good by a well equipped library. He explained why Library was considered as a "growing organisation" and that was the cardinal theme of his discussion. Further he emphasised the role of 'Nature' in educative process and indicated the scope of "Library—Education" for having Nature's aid. Then at the request of the Chairman Shri S. K. Gupta discussed the subject from the viewpoint of Indian system of education followed in Vedic age—that is to say 'Education in Guru Griha'—and pointed out that true education could not be acquired within a short period of 10 or 12 years. He emphasised that "All Life is Education".

The chairman summed up the discussion and stated that academic education to be meaningful and purposive would need Library education. The role of Librarian was that of a true teacher of whom Sri Aurobindo commented—"A teacher is a helper and a guide." With devotional song the meeting ended at about 8 p.m.

New Centres

World Union Mysore Centre: This new Centre has been formed at the beginning of July'80 under guidance and inspiration of Sri M. K. Rameswaram. The inauguration ceremony is to be done at Mysore by Sri A. B. Patel, the General Secretary & Treasurer of World Union International Centre, Pondicherry, on 26th July 1980 when Dr. Kamooben Patel, Coordinator International, will be going to Mysore with him to attend.

Sri B. V. Balasubrahmanyam is the Ad-hoc Chairman of the Centre while Sri M. S. Vijayashankar is the Secretary-cum-Treasurer for the time being. Details of the Office bearers and address of the Centre etc. will be given in the next issue along with report of inauguration.

World Union Anekal Centre: This Centre in Bangalore District was formed under guidance and inspiration of Sri M. K. Rameswaram, Coordinator, by Sri K. K. Narayanappa, Principal, A. S. B. Govt. Junior College, Anekal and colleagues during the second week of July'80. The details of Office bearers and address of the Centre will be published in the next issue after formal inauguration of the Centre.

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SOLUTION OF GLOBAL PROBLEMS NEEDS WORLD FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

If man is intended to survive and carry forward the evolution of which he is at present the head, and to some extent a half-conscious leader of its march, he must come out of his chaotic international life and arrive at a beginning of organized united action; some kind of World State, unitary or federal or a confederacy or a coalition he must arrive at in the end; no smaller or looser expedient would adequately serve the purpose.

Sri Aurobindo
Postscript Chapter to "The Ideal of Human Unity"

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

**WORLD'S PEOPLES OR NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD
DECIDE HOW A CONSTITUTION OF A WORLD FEDERATION IS DRAFTED?**

Dr. Max Habicht, Doctor of Law of the Universities of Zurich (Switzerland) and of Harvard (USA), Professor of International Law and World Law at the Institute of World Studies (A L'institut D'etudes Mondialistes) (France), Honorary Legal Adviser of the World Movement for World Federal Government, wrote a Memorandum dated June 9, 1980 on "Planning the Convocation of a Constituent Assembly of the Governments for Drafting the Constitution of a World Federation". He stated:

1. The organization, called in French "Le Mouvement universel pour une Federation mondiale", which became later "The Association of World Federalists", founded in Montreux in 1947, defines its purpose in Article 1 of the Statutes as follows:

**"To work for the creation of a world federation,
having a constitutional defined sphere of jurisdiction,
functioning through a legislature to make world law,
a judiciary to interpret it, and an executive with
adequate powers to enforce it upon individuals."**

The first Congress of the Association expressed the opinion that "the United Nations Organization is powerless, as at present constituted, to stop the drift to war". It was hoped, at that time, in order "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" to amend the Charter of the United Nations by bringing it in harmony with its Preamble. It is time to admit that the World Federalists have not succeeded to do so and, in the opinion of the writer, the veto right built into the procedure of amendments of the Charter will continue to prevent a transformation of the United Nations Organization into a World Federation as planned by World Federalists 33 years ago.

It is time to direct the efforts of World Federalists in a different direction. The United Nations will continue to do excellent service in those fields in which it is successful, but it will not abolish war. The Montreux Congress of 1947 stated very clearly the conviction of the World Federalists in this matter: "We World Federalists affirm that mankind can free itself forever from war only through the establishment of a world federal government."

2. Since 1947 the World Federalists have gained sympathisers in many countries and have tried many different approaches. Here are some of their groups, all non-governmental:

- World Association of World Federalists
Leliegracht 21, Amsterdam, The Netherlands**
- World Citizens Assembly
P.O. Box 2063, San Francisco, Cal. 94127 USA**
- World Constitution and Parliament Association
1480 Hoyt Street, Suite 31, Lakewood, Colo. 80215 USA**
- World Federal Authority Committee
address of the acting President: Dr. Hanna Newcombe
25 Dundana Ave., Dundas, Ont. Canada.**
- World Union
Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry 605002, India**
- Grenville Clark Institute, C/o Mr. Robert H. Reno
95 North Main Street, Concord, N.H. 03301, USA**
- Peoples' Congress
15 Rue Victor Duruy, F-75015 Paris, France.**
- Political World Union (Emergency World Council)
Frederik Hendriklaan 26, The Hague, The Netherlands**

3. Not a single Government has, upto date, made World Federation, in the sense of the World Federalists, a part of its foreign policy. The many groups mentioned above have educated public opinion over a long period and have produced drafts of constitutions as models and have organized elections as symbols. A World Federation, however, can be realised only by law making: the drafting and ratification of a constitution, and law making is the monopoly of Governments. Therefore no real progress can be obtained without the cooperation of Governments.

4. It is now proposed to search for one Government which would be willing to declare that it is willing to cede certain aspects of its sovereignty to join with other nations in the creation of a World Federation, a supra-national authority organized in a democratic manner (World Federal Authority) and to convoke a Constituent Assembly of Governments for that purpose. Middle and small States might make the beginning.

It is clear, that such a nucleus would have to grow to include a powerful majority, which could impose on a minority a World Federation. World Federalists must realize that a World Federal Authority will never come into existence as the result of an unanimous consent of all existing 160 States.

5. Whatever a Constituent Assembly will propose, would need the ratification by existing procedures in the various States and it is not excluded that certain States will remain outside the Federation until conditions will force them to join. Federations such as the United States of America or Switzerland were created this way.

6. Delegates to the Constituent Assembly should be chosen by Parliaments and they should act as representatives of the peoples, acting according to their conscience and not upon instructions from national Governments. The number of delegates for each Nation-State would have to vary according to the size of population with a maximum number of 30 for the more populous countries down to one delegate for the smaller ones. This would lead to a Constituent Assembly of about 1000 delegates.

7. If and when a Government would be willing to take the initiative and offer its hospitality to the Constituent Assembly, it could count on the assistance of the Groups of World Federalists, among which the World Federal Authority Committee, planning a research institute, and the Parliamentarians for World Order could be of particular help. The forthcoming congresses of World Federalists in the summer and fall of 1980 might examine this proposal and, if consenting, appoint the necessary persons for coordinating their activity and approaching Governments.

Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe, Bar-at-Law, President of Sri Lanka Branch of World Constitution and Parliament Association, prepared comments on Dr. Habicht's Memorandum aforesaid:

CO-OPERATION OF GOVERNMENTS "YES"

GOVERNMENTS ALONE TO DRAFT AND RATIFY CONSTITUTION "NO"

One of the strangest paradoxes of our time is the complacent manner in which we tend to view the most pressing global problems that confront us today. Nero fiddled while Rome burnt is an apt description of the way world leaders and organisations are handling current crises. Dr. Max Habicht in a memorandum issued on June 9, 1980 calls upon the World Movement for World Federal Government to be of particular help, if and when a Government would be willing to take the initiative and offer its hospitality to a Constituent Assembly of Governments to draft and ratify a Constitution for a World Federation. The implication is that if no Government comes forward our movement must in effect let the world go up in flames or die of environmental pollution or face starvation due to the New Cannibalism of the developed nations. Governments today are too involved in the tentacles of the U. N. System

to make a break on their own unless given a firm push by peoples' movements. Dr. Habicht almost makes us believe that we are in "the spacious times of the Good Queen Bess" or the Victorian Era of the stagecoach. And that is the danger to our movement, contained in the memorandum. Hence I am constrained to comment in spite of the high regard and deep sense of gratitude I have for Dr. Habicht's past services to the movement.

His diagnosis of the present ills of the world is correct. Competent lawyer that he is, he has analysed our present problems with an accuracy that is near perfect. He recalls the Montreaux Declaration of 1947: "THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION IS POWERLESS, AS AT PRESENT CONSTITUTED, TO STOP THE DRIFT TO WAR." He says quite correctly that it is time to admit that World Federalists have failed "to amend the Charter of the U. N. O. by bringing it in harmony with the Preamble". He goes further and gives his opinion: "THE VETO RIGHT BUILT INTO THE PROCEDURE OF AMENDMENTS OF THE CHARTER WILL CONTINUE TO PREVENT A TRANSFORMATION OF THE U. N. O. INTO A WORLD FEDERATION AS PLANNED BY WORLD FEDERALISTS 35 YEARS AGO". *"The United Nations will not abolish War."*

This coldly sober diagnosis by the one time adviser to the now defunct League of Nations and the present adviser to the World Movement for World Federal Government must now finally silence those who up to the moment nurse "the unconquerable hope" that the U. N. O. can be reformed and that they can live in peace for ever after under its "inviolable shade".

Dr. Habicht next moves to the ultimate solution, he proposes. And here too our movement is in total agreement. With all the wealth of learning at his command he reaffirms the Montreaux Statement: *"We World Federalists affirm that mankind can free itself forever from war only through the establishment of World Federal Government."*

How does Dr. Habicht suggest we achieve this goal? There we beg to differ. "A World Federation, however, can be realised only by law making: the drafting and ratification of a Constitution and law making is the monopoly of Governments. Therefore, no real progress can be obtained without the cooperation of Governments."

When Manu made his laws, where was the Government? When Moses brought down the Ten Commandments from Sinai, where was the Government? When Solon became law giver, where again was the Government?

One wonders whether this is the same Dr. Max Habicht we knew at Interlaken, Wolfach, Innsbruck and at Colombo? Is it the frustration of age that makes him take refuge under the "sweet shade of Governments". Or has he forgotten to analyse wherein lay the real weakness of the U.N.? "We the People" began the U.N. Preamble, and, thereafter, the people were left to face the consequences of war, pollution, food shortage and all the other ills our crumbling world has become heir to. "Vox Populi, Vox Dei" is a saying trite, no doubt, but pregnant with meaning. The moment the U.N. decided to leave the people out of its councils, a curse settled on the human race in this 20th century.

Peoples Representation is essential in any World Federal Authority body if it intends to save succeeding generations from the scourge of global crises. Co-operation of Governments "YES". But Governments alone to draft and ratify the Constitution "NO". For 35 years Governments have exercised the monopoly of law making. And what a chaos they have made

for us! The Secretary General of the lordly U.N. of 160 Governments has to sneak out of Iran to the derision of a handful of students!! Dr. Habicht, now, at this hour so critical for the existence of Planet Earth, requests us to hand over the construction of the New World Order solely to Governments because they have the monopoly of law making. He has forgotten, conveniently for his thesis, that this monopoly was usurped from the people. I cannot believe he means what he says. 35 years of history are crying out that it should not be. When France was dying in the chaos of Louis XVI's Government and Marie Antoinette wanted the people of the brave French Communes to eat cake instead of bread, the Tennis Court Meeting of the people created the French Republic. When Russia, torn and bleeding from the Kaiser's military juggernaut realised that the Government of Czar Nicholas and its "monopoly of law making" did not answer to her needs, "the Petrograd Soviet" which was nothing but an organisation of peoples representatives gave the answer and with Lenin at Russia's door in Finland, the U.S.S.R. was born. Peoples Movements have toppled many monstrous regimes in Asia, Africa and Latin America in recent years. "We the Citizens of the World" should be in the preamble of any Constitution for a Federal World Government and should remain so not in words only but physically as well. Governments' Representatives "YES" but in cooperation with Peoples Representatives and better still with a body of Counsellors.

Waiting for one Government or more "willing to take the initiative" is to wait for Doomsday with folded arms. The biblical phrase "sheep led to the slaughter and lambs before the shearers" leaps to our minds. Of course, by all means encourage, persuade, press the Governments to cooperate, but for God's sake don't wait for the initiative to come from Governments. This new attempt to salvage civilization must come from the people with or without the cooperation of Governments.

Dr. Habicht in his memorandum mentions in passing that "since 1947 the World Federalists have gained sympathisers in many countries and have tried many different approaches". Strangely he does not detail these approaches. Had he done so he would have stumbled on *the unique approach of the World Constitution and Parliament Association of which he is legal adviser* these many years.

The W.C.P.A. approach is similar to Dr. Habicht's memorandum in its diagnosis and ultimate remedy. The W.C.P.A. recognises that cooperation of Governments is needed and has already a campaign in progress for this purpose. In India, for example, a leading Member of the Indian Parliament, Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath, moved a resolution requesting its Government to do what Dr. Habicht wants Governments to do. It met with overwhelming success. The Indian Government moved that it be referred to its Provincial Legislatures for their opinion before acceptance by the Federal Parliament. At this stage the Janata Government's fall led to the dissolution of Parliament. A new Parliament is functioning today with Mrs. Indira Gandhi as Prime Minister and the Bill is to be presented. So under W.C.P.A. auspices the campaign is on to push Governments to join the Peoples' Movement and create the Federal World Government.

Where the W.C.P.A. parts company with Dr. Habicht's memorandum is when he makes a leisurely call for a "Constituent Assembly of Governments to draft and ratify a Constitution for the Federation of Earth". This attempt to throw the existing Constitution for the Federation of Earth into the melting pot—a Constitution drafted under the authority of the Consti-

tuent Assembly at Interlaken and Wolfach in 1968 to which Governments were invited to send their representatives and endorsed unanimously, ten years later, by the Second Constituent Assembly at Innsbruck in 1977 to which again Governments were invited. At this very late hour when the fate of civilisation is perilously poised and request the movement to wait with folded hands and baited breath until delegates to a new Constituent Assembly chosen by Governments meet must be branded as a CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY. Dr. Habicht writes naively that these chosen delegates "should act as representatives of the peoples, acting according to their consciences and not upon instructions from national governments". DID THE REPRESENTATIVES CHOSEN BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS ACT IN THIS WISE IN THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS? DID THEY AND ARE THEY ACTING IN THIS WISE IN THE U. N. O. TODAY? Then why ask the impossible. Is not Dr. Habicht's memorandum *just a plea for inactivity*? Or would it not be thought by those who do not know Dr. Habicht's life and work, as a device of war mongers to paralyse the peoples movement for a Federal World Government at a time when it is gathering momentum and turn it to perish in the quicksands of this new Governmental approach of Dr. Habicht?

The W. C. P. A. Plan is to obtain maximum ratification for the Constitution for the Federation of Earth from Governments, religious bodies, learned societies, Peoples Organizations until 1982 when a Provisional World Parliament will meet. This Parliament will hold sessions in 3 Houses—Nations, Peoples and Counsellors. The Constitution will be its working document. The Provisional World Parliament can and will call up, if necessary, a Constituent Assembly to amend the Constitution. *Debating Constitutions is not the need of the hour Saving Humanity and Planet Earth is more important.* There is a Constitution before the World endorsed unanimously by 135 peoples' delegates from 25 countries. No human document can be considered perfect. Let it be used as a working document for the Provisional Peoples Parliament when it meets in 1982. Dr. Habicht had a hand in it like so many other World Federalists. With Dr. Habicht's blessings let the W. C. P. A. proposal go forward. By all means like the forthcoming Congress of the World Federalists can appoint the necessary personnel to coordinate activities and approach governments but never to hand over lock, stock and barrel our destinies entirely to Governments—simply because "law making" is held to be their monopoly. The W. C. P. A. Congress will be held in New Delhi in the Spring of 1981. Let us unite in this eleventh hour of Peril. History seldom gives many chances. We have one in our hands. On to the establishment of a Democratic Federal World Government.

Unity Within each Nation Will Support World Unity

There is little doubt that unless each nation is able to establish human unity within its borders, world unity may not prove effective. From that point of view, World Union welcomes the New India Movement sponsored by twenty Non-Governmental Organizations in New Delhi, including Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Sri Aurobindo Centre, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Manava Bharati, World Union. The New India Movement envisages that the human condition in India today calls for a second phase of the liberation movement that brought us political independence.

The aims and objectives of the New India Movement are: (1) To foster spiritual, moral

and social regeneration in individuals for a just and well ordered society. (ii) To foster a sense of intelligent and healthy nationalism that will sustain and strengthen the unity of India. (iii) To undertake programmes for training in citizenship and democratic values. (iv) To promote unity among culturally, religiously, linguistically and ethnically diverse people of India and mankind in general. (v) To coordinate the efforts of organizations that subscribe to these objectives and provide mutual support.

The Convention of the Movement was held in New Delhi on the 10th August 1980 and was attended by many persons wanting national integration of India. Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer of the Supreme Court of India attended. World Union was represented by Shri Swami Poorna Swatantra, Shri Chhedi Lal, Dr. R. K. Bhan, Shri Shyam Lal Gaur, Shri Bodh Priya and Shri J. N. Puri. All of them participated in the Convention actively. There were discussions in different groups on the following: (i) Regeneration through spiritual awareness. (ii) Regeneration through moral upliftment. (iii) Regeneration through social involvement and action. (iv) Regeneration through effective mass media.

Anyone wishing to contact the Movement should write to the Convener, New India Movement, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi 110001.

Third National Convention of World Union Centres in India

The meeting of the Adhoc Committee of World Union National Centre of India held under the Presidentship of Justice Shri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau on the 7th August 1980 at the residence of Shri H. S. Narayana Setty, when the Executive Committee members of the World Union Centres of Bangalore, Sondakoppa, Shanti Nagar, Mahalakshmi Lay-out, Nanjangud and Mysore were invited to participate in the meeting, resolved to convene the Third National Convention tentatively on the 7th, 8th and 9th June 1981 at Town Hall or Ravindra Kalakshetra, the dates and venue are to be finalised after ascertaining the availability of accommodating the delegates coming from outside. The meeting appointed two Committees: a Standing Committee and a Convention Committee, with powers to co-opt additional members, under the Chairmanship of Justice Shri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau with Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana as Vice-Chairman, Sri K. S. Sridharan and Sri B. V. Subbarayan as Conveners and Sri H. S. Narayana Setty as Treasurer of the Committees. It was decided that both Committees will function under the auspices of the Adhoc Committee of the National Centre of India and that a separate account of the Convention will be maintained.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

West Bengal, Regional: The 9th Executive Committee Meeting (extended) was held on 13th July 1980 at 10:00 A.M. at the Centre's Office when Dr. Arun Kumar Sil, the Chairman of the Centre, presided. The proceedings covered a number of routine matters

including accounts, appointment of auditors, finance, bank account etc. The item of special interest decided was celebration of World Union Day to take place on 24th August 1980 at the Chakraberia High School, 93 Bakul Bagan Road, Calcutta 700025, which will be hosted jointly by the Calcutta Centre and Chakraberia High School Centre.

Mysore: The opening of this Centre was reported in the August 1980 Focus. Now we give below an outline of the inauguration ceremony which took place on Saturday, the 26th July 1980 at 5:00 P.M. at the Institution of Engineers (India), Jhansi Lakshmi Bai Road, Mysore 570005, when Justice Shri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau, President, World Union National Centre-India, presided and the inauguration was done by Sri A. B. Patel, the General Secretary & Treasurer of World Union International. The programme was as under:-

4:30 P. M. Tea—5:00 P. M. Assembly

1. Silent Prayer
2. Invocation: by Kumari Geetha Rameswaram
3. Welcome: by Sri B. V. Balasubramnyam
4. Reading the Messages: by Sri S. R. Subha Rao
5. About the World Union: by Sri M. K. Rameswaram
6. Music: by Smt. Vijayalakshmi Nagaraj & Party
7. Inaugural Address: by Sri A. B. Patel
8. President's Remarks: by Justice Shri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau
9. Vote of thanks: by Shri M. S. Vijaya Shankar

Visit of A. B. Patel to Bangalore & Mysore: The Adhoc Committee Members of World Union National Centre of India and the Executive Committee Members of World Union Bangalore Centre met Sri A. B. Patel at 4-00 P. M. on the 25th July 1980 at Tea at the Gokhale institute of Public Affairs. Justice Shri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau welcomed Sri A. B. Patel, Dr. Kamoooben Patel and Miss Kalaben Patel and was glad that inspite of his advanced age and poor health, A. B. Patel had undertaken this strenuous journey to Bangalore and Mysore on account of his love for World Union work. Sri A. B. Patel spoke at some length about the World Union Organization, its work and diverse programmes for reaching the goal of human unity and world peace on a spiritual foundation. He referred to the role National Centre of India can play to fulfil the ideals of World Union with the cooperation and coordination of World Union Centres in India. He particularly laid emphasis on World Union Centres on endeavouring to improve human relations in all fields of life in their respective areas. He appreciated the sincere effort of the members of World Union in Bangalore for inaugurating the National Centre and commencing its work. He had every confidence that under the able guidance of its President, Justice Shri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau the National Centre will fulfil its aims and ideals. Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana proposed a vote of thanks.

Under the joint auspices of the National Centre and World Union Bangalore Centre a public meeting was held at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs at 6:00 P. M. when Sri A. B. Patel spoke on "A New World Order". Justice Shri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau welcomed Sri A. B. Patel to Bangalore and described him as a guiding spirit of the World Union Move-

ment in India and abroad and stated that even at his advanced age and ill-health, his love for humanity had made him to continue to guide the destiny of World Union. Dr. Lakshminarayana, President of World Union Bangalore Centre, introduced Sri A. B. Patel making reference to his career in Kenya when he struggled for the removal of racial discrimination. He referred to his joining Sri Aurobindo Ashram leaving his high position in Kenya. He acts as a World Citizen and was the first signatory to the "Constitution for the Federation of Earth" adopted at Innsbruck in June 1977. Sri A. B. Patel addressed the meeting for about 45 minutes and showed that inspite of apparent clash and conflict, struggle and strife, and clash of ideas and ideals, the world was moving towards a New World Order. He gave several instances of how the Old World Order was dissolving and New World Order was taking shape. He envisaged a time when strong and affluent nations will consider it a privilege and an honour to serve weak and poor nations. Sri H. S. Narayana Setty, Treasurer of World Union Bangalore Centre, proposed a vote of thanks.

Baranagore: The monthly meeting was held on the usual first Sunday morning of the month on 3rd August 1980 at the Centre's office at 28/1 Manna Para Road, Calcutta 700050 and reports about community living Centres of the following organizations were presented:-

1. Sri Aurobindo Sathan, Sibachal Birati, 24 Parganas.
2. Biswa Paribar, East to Salt Lake, 24 Parganas.
3. Ushagram, Nutan Taherpur, Birnagar, Nadia.
4. Udayan-Kalyan Kendra, Tilutia, Birbhum.
5. Venue for creating one at Joydeb-Kenduli, Birbhum.

After considering the reports it was unanimously decided that immediate responsibility be taken of Biswa Paribar, East to Salt Lake with a mind to create such Centre in due course at Joydeb-Kenduli as well.

Sri P. P. Bhattacharya the Adviser of World Union Baranagore Centre had participated in the following activities, partly in his capacity as Secretary of West Bengal Regional Centre before he resigned from that post:-

(a) Along with Sri Subrata Sen of Ashok Nagar Centre, he visited 'Vidyaniketan-Sishur Bihar' and its petron farm of renowned freedom fighter Sri Gopal Chandra Chakraborty near Phubua on June 24, 1980. Sri Chakraborty the builder of this farm will now handover the farm to the Trustee. Plantation ceremony was observed that day. (b) Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya was requested by the Secretary of Mahajiban Sadhan Sangha Sri Prafulla Kumar Bose to visit their farm at Kajipara-Barasat on 29 June and to help to organise a Centre for Integral education there for the children around. (c) Student World (Nursery and K. G.) is running well at 28/1 Manna Para Road, Calcutta 700050, where Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya is Adviser and four leading members of World Union Baranagar Centre: Sri Sankha Bhattacharya, Sri Pradip Das, Smt. Mira Mukherjee and Smt. Chhaya Sharma are regular teachers. On May 8 the school observed Rabindra Jayanti Celebration when Prof. Dr. Nikhilesh Bhattacharya was in the Chair.

Bon-Hooghly: The 10th monthly meeting was held on 10-7-80 at 6:30 at the residence of Dr. B. Bhattacharya, Bon-Hooghly Govt. Qrs., 104 B. T. Road, Calcutta 700035. Sri N. C. Roy, Chairman Calcutta North Suburban Centre was the Chief Guest and Sri Sudhir Chatterjee presided. The opening song was by Kumari Banasree Bhattacharya and the meeting commenced with 10 minutes group concentration.

Dr. B. Bhattacharya inaugurated the meeting and talked on the World Union Movement and also raised the question as to whom shall we fight and why? At last he urged the members to be inspired by the lines of the Mother's message:

We do not fight against any creed, any religion.

We do not fight against any form of Government.

We do not fight against any caste, any social class.

We do not fight against any nation or civilisation.

We are fighting division, unconsciousness, ignorance, inertia and falsehood.

We are endeavouring to establish upon earth union, knowledge, consciousness, truth and we fight whatever opposes the advent of this new creation of Light, Peace, Truth and Love. (16-2-1965).

He also requested the Chief Guest to kindly narrate his views on the subject of better understanding of the ways and means for preparing oneself. Sri N. C. Roy talked at length on this subject in the light of the Epic poem Savitri. The youths were very much impressed by his talk and they requested him to start a Savitri class for their interest. The meeting ended at 9-30 P. M. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Chaibasa: Sri S. K. Deb of Chaibasa Centre reports that the members of World Union in Tatanagar in collaboration with Matrikendra, Pramatha Nagar, Tatanagar (Jamshedpur) organised a special meet at the hall of the Centre to celebrate Sri Aurobindo's birth anniversary, on 13th August, (Wednesday) at 6:30 P.M. when Sri Samar Basu, Coordinator, Eastern Region, was present and spoke on "How does Sri Aurobindo's Yoga Help To Win Over The Present Crisis". The meet was attended by eminent persons of the locality. Various questions asked by the listeners were dealt with by Sri Samar Basu by citing quotations from Sri Aurobindo's "The Life Divine, Yoga and its Objects, The Hour of God" etc. At the end a vote of thanks was proposed by the Secretary of Matrikendra.

Youth Centre—Shillong: The following activities took place during the past month:-

(1) A bank account entitled "World Union Youth Centre, Shillong" was opened at the Federal Bank Ltd., Shillong. (2) The Secretary, Mr. Vinod Goenka, explained to selected people about what our organisation stands for. He invited their participation in our work. (3) The Plans for celebration of World Union Day on the 20th August were discussed with Mr. B. B. Dam. (4) During the next month, it is proposed to enrol one or two life members and few more ordinary members.

New Centres

Dehradun: This Centre was opened during the last week of June 1980 by Sri S. D. Verma who is acting as Convener of this New Centre and who is also the Hon. Secretary of Mahatma Khushi Ram Public Library & Reading Room Society (Regd.). The address of the Centre is the same as that of the said library being: World Union Dehradun Centre, 12 Gandhi Road, DEHRADUN 248001 (U.P.)

(It is regretted that the above report was overlooked to be included in the August 1980 Focus)

Mahalakshmi Layout: This Centre was opened during the third week of July 1980 under inspiration from Sri S. Krishnamurthy, the International Lecturer and assistance of Sri B. Krishnaswamy the Secretary of Sondekoppa Centre. Sri S. Sreesaila is the Chairman and Sri N. Seshadri is the Secretary of the Centre. The address of the Centre is that of the Secretary being: World Union Mahalakshmi Layout Centre 520 Mahalakshmi Layout, BANGALORE 560010.

Tamluk: This Centre was opened at the end of July 1980. The Chairman is Dr. Kali Sankar Nanda and the Secretary is Sri Tirthanath Sarkar. The address of the Centre is that of the Secretary being: World Union Tamluk Centre, College Quarters, P.O. TAMLUK 721636, Dt: Midnapur (West Bengal).

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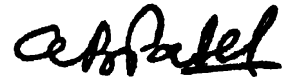
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THE HIGHEST CONCEPT IS WORLD COMMUNITY, NOT NATIONALISM

The ideal of human unity would be no longer an unfulfilled ideal but an accomplished fact and its preservation given into the charge of the united human peoples. Its future destiny would be on the knees of the gods and, if the gods have a use for the continued existence of the race, may be left to lie there safe.

Sri Aurobindo

Nationalism is not the highest concept. The highest concept is world community. I would not like to live in this world if it is not to be one world. Our objective is one world; we have to work for it and the brotherhood of humanity.

Mahatma Gandhi

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

World Union Day Celebration

The Mother named 20th August as "World Union Day". She became the President of World Union on the 20th August 1964. All World Union Centres were advised to celebrate World Union Day, on the 20th August 1980, the theme for which was: "The Highest Concept is World Community, not Nationalism".

Pondicherry Celebrations

At the residence of Sri M. P. Pandit, Chairman of World Union and the Editor of the monthly journal "World Union", Satsang sessions are held every evening. He was kind enough to arrange the "World Union Day" celebration in Pondicherry on the 20th August 1980 evening at his residence. He made an inspiring speech on the occasion, which was very relevant to the ideals of World Union and the subject of World Union Day celebration. Therefore, we propose to give the full text of the speech:

It is appropriate that this meeting should be held in a place, at an hour, where some practitioners of Sri Aurobindo's teachings, the Mother's yoga, meet everyday to study in depth the practice and the implications of their teachings. Because, from the point of view of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother whose philosophy we accept and try to follow, World Union is an inevitable consequence of a spiritual consciousness that is to grow in more and more people in the world. To start with: those who follow the integral yoga, practise it in their daily life, have got to keep this unity of man as their goal in the collective dimension. Because, unlike many other paths this yoga is not an individual affair; its basis is certainly individual but as it grows it gathers many collective elements and it contributes to the progressive unification of the human race. Secondly it is understood that world unity is not possible unless there is unity individually among those who constitute this brotherhood. World Unity can be as real as the individuals are united and this unification of the human personality is a keynote of this integral philosophy. The World Union is an integral part of Sri Aurobindo Ashram. I want to make it clear that we do not consider ourselves as an independent organisation with our own aims and goals. We are a constituent unit of the Ashram in Mother's consciousness dedicated to the Ideal of Human Unity. Mother has expressly told us that this platform is meant to meet and work in collaboration with members of other groups, spiritual, cultural, social and political units who believe in World Unity. And our experience during the last fifteen to twenty years is indeed this that our services are not confined to those who accept the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo and Mother alone. We have, in our World Union family, members of Theosophical Society, of cultural fellowship in other countries, of movements of Sathya Sai Baba, Ramana Maharshi and various other spiritual leaders. We have also atheists, agnostics, communists among our membership, because no mature person can forswear commitment to World Unity. The one difference between us and other 200 and more organisations that are working for world unity is precisely this: while each proceeds on an external basis, constitutional, political, ideological, economic and so on, we believe that it is only on a basis of psychological and spiritual change that a change in the world mind can be effected. And we make it a part of our yogic practice to keep this truth always in our mind. We remember always that man can be as perfect, as his environment is perfect. And also an imperfect man cannot create a perfect society. Both are inter-related and you will see the appropriateness of the World Union forming a wing of Sri Aurobindo's movement in the world.

It is usual for us on these annual meetings to have some theme for a formal discussion and then meditation upon it. The theme today is that nationalism is something that has to be replaced by the concept of one race, one world. I wonder how many social thinkers have explained how and why nations have come into being and why the concept of nationhood becomes old fashioned, out of date, at some juncture in the evolutionary history of man. Sri Aurobindo explains in The Human Cycle how from a primitive beginning of individuals getting together to form families, families joining with other families for sake of safety, form into clans, tribes and principalities and gradually we have what is called a sub-nation unit. Where different societies gather together they have common ways of speaking, common language, common ways of worshipping God, in every way a common system. And that is how what is called the sub-nation soul—the Western mind would call it the ego—comes

into being. As things develop still further, a number of sub-nations get together and they coalesce and then we have the nation unit with its own national spirit, national soul; the sub-souls have merged and we have a national soul. You may call it Bharat Shakti, John Bull, Uncle Sam. The point is the nation-soul in the individualised national spirit which governs the growth of the people, symbolises their oneness and forms a point of centralisation holding together the common aspiration, common objectives and common modes of thinking, feeling and actions. But a time comes in the long history of the world when so many mature nations outgrow the usual friction of living together under stress. Happily after two World Wars which have exploded that myth of the sovereignty of nations, the human mind is ready to outgrow this concept, this narrow concept of nationalism.

There is a close parallel to the growth of the individual man. Each one of us, as we have grown in evolution, has the ego point which is a point designed by nature for centralisation, for focalisation of the various energies—thought energies, emotional energies, physical energies and that is what we call the ego point. The ego has helped man to individualise himself, to become what he is. But to go beyond the present stage man has to exceed his ego and it is there that there is the rub. As Sri Aurobindo says, ego was the helper, ego is the bar. Unless we exceed our ego, we cannot go beyond our limited, divisive, separative existence. We cannot truly unite with those around. And the evolution of man, from a satvic man into a spiritual man demands that he widen his consciousness, extend his range of being to include more and more of his environment.

Now a stage has come when both the necessity of the individual evolution and of collective evolution demands a sustained effort and movement to break through the shell of egoism in the case of the individual and of nationalism in the case of countries so that the next step is taken. The next step is One World. One World does not mean abolition of nations, of national geniuses. Just as if on some fortunate day in our lives you and I succeed in eliminating our ego and our souls come forward and govern our lives, we will be able to understand each other without the necessity of talking, to communicate our thoughts without any verbal aid, we will be able to feel the emotional movement in others without their having to express them, because behind the surface there is unity, there is oneness. Similarly once these national barriers are erased, individual nations will continue contributing their own share, their own genius to the efflorescence of world community, world culture; they will not be abolished, but there will be no friction, there will be no war, there will be real peace.

But for all that to take place the leadership in each nation has to take its first step; if the leadership does not, it is incumbent upon awakened individuals, like us and those who think like us, to work in an organised manner, to put pressure upon our rulers, "to educate our master", to think on right lines and contribute to world peace. After observing the developments in a number of countries which I have visited during the last few years, it has struck me that India is the one country that can truly exceed national boundary. India was the only country in history which, during Jawaharlal Nehru's time, sacrificed the so called national interests and committed itself to the welfare of others. Bitter frustrations followed because other nations were not sincere. Pandit Nehru did not realise, or did not want to accept, that others are insincere. He put the world interests before the Indian interests; we have to pay the price, but I suppose some nations have to do that and it India has been

marked by Providence to lead this world, at any rate in these matters of spirit, India has got to sacrifice. India has got to pioneer and show the way.

In the spiritual domain India has led the world, there is no philosophy in any part of the world whose roots cannot be traced to Indian thought, Indian practice of yoga. Take any cultural or spiritual concept, you can always find it adumbrated in the utterances and the perceptions of the rishis and sages of India. It is not with a sense of chauvinism that I make this statement but this is a statement of fact and it imposes on us a certain responsibility which we cannot escape. Each one of us is responsible to keep up this heritage, keep the vision of the ancients who saw all humanity as one, who called for one mind, who called for one common thinking, who called for one mantra, and that is one mentation, one meditation on the concept of unity, because ultimately, all these diversities, divisions are sustained by one Spirit, the one Divine, God. Each one of us contributes to world peace to the extent one builds that oneness within oneself and that can be done only by processes of meditation, contemplation, moral and mental purification and that is the content of our Sadhana, of our yoga which we are expected to practise everyday, all the 24 hours.

It is to rededicate ourselves to this ideal, to commit ourselves once again to this noble objective that we have met this evening and I propose that we meditate for fifteen minutes on this theme of oneness, of peace, of one race, in one God.

Bangalore: Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana has reported that World Union National Centre-India and World Union Bangalore Centre invited World Union members and others with their families and friends to witness World Union Inter-Collegiate Debate held on Saturday, the 23rd August 1980 at 3:30 P. M., at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, Bangalore, when the subject of the debate was "The Highest Concept is World Community, Not Nationalism" and the chief speaker was Sri K. Narasimha murthy, I.A.S. (Retd.). The judges for the occasion were (i) Smt. B. S. Vedavathi, Head of the Department of English in Vijay College, Bangalore, (ii) Smt. Rukmini Krishnamurthy, Reader in Physics in Maharani's College, Bangalore and (iii) Sri Haneef Jawaid, Advocate and Planter in Bangalore. Five Colleges, with two representatives from each, participated in the debate: (i) St. Joseph College, Bangalore; (ii) University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore; (iii) Jyotinivas College, Bangalore; (iv) Mount Carmel College, Bangalore, and (v) M. E. S. College, Bangalore. The prize winners in the debate were: (i) First-prize—Miss Gayatri Issar of Jyotinivas College; (ii) Second prize—Miss Sheela Balasubramanyam of Mount Carmel College; (iii) Third prize—Sri A. K. Nagaraj of University of Agricultural College; (iv) Fourth prize—Miss Rachana Pal of Mount Carmel College. The rolling shield, which was presented by Sri P. V. Rajagopal, was won by Mount Carmel College. The first prize was donated by Sri B. V. Subbarayan, the second by Sri T. V. Naganna, the third by Sri T. S. Somasekhar and the fourth by Sri T. Ramaiah.

The debate was of a high standard and revealed high debating talent and knowledge of the participants. Sri K. Narasimha Murthy summed up the debate by tracing the origin of nationalism, its merits and limitations. How the concept of world community has been gaining ground in all parts of the world. Advances in science and technology is compelling humanity to adopt the concept of world community, in order to survive. He described in

detail how our scriptures have throughout stressed the relevance of world community. With a vote of thanks by Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana the function closed.

World Union day was further celebrated at 6:30 P. M. on the same day and the same place under the auspices of the National Centre-India and the Bangalore Centre, when the Chief Guest was Sri Guru Datta, I.A.S. (Retd.) and Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau presided. After a delightful invocation by Smt. Kalyani Raghavan and Smt. Vijayamani, Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana delivered a welcome speech and welcomed the Chief Guest, Sri Guru Datta, I.A.S. (Retd.) describing his brilliant career and introducing him as a prolific writer. He also welcomed Sri K. Narasimha Murthy as a distinguished and erudite scholar, an able administrator and a prolific writer. He introduced Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau as former Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court, Vigilance Commissioner, Government of India, acting Governor of Karnataka and one who heads most of the cultural and educational organizations in Bangalore. He also welcomed the judges to the inter-collegiate debate, the members of Suvarna Sadana Mahila Mandali, Shankara Krupa, Bangalore, the two who gave invocation and those who donated prizes and the rolling shield. He also welcomed Dr. Kamoooben Patel, International Coordinator of World Union. The Suvarna Sadana Mahila Mandali members rendered soul inspiring devotional songs Soundarya Lahari. Sri Guru Datta, Chief Guest for the occasion, delivered a long, scholarly and informative address in which he quoted several authors from India and abroad. It was an intellectual feast to hear him. Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau delivered a Presidential speech and thanked the Chief Guest Sri Guru Datta for his scholarly exposition of the subject. Sri K. Narasimha Murthy distributed the prizes to prize winners. Donors of prizes, Dr. Kamoooben Patel, participants in music and invocation and judges of the debate were garlanded. Sri H. S. Narayana Setty, Treasurer, World Union National Centre-India, proposed a vote of thanks.

Delhi: Shri J.N. Puri has reported that World Union Delhi Centre celebrated the World Union Day on the 20th August and also on the 24th August 1980. The celebration on the 20th August was held at Sri Aurobindo Ashram—Delhi Branch when the entire community of the Centre, including the children and residents of the Ashram and members of World Union were present. The function commenced at 7:00 P.M. with music. Shri Chhedi Lal, the Chairman of World Union Delhi Centre, welcomed the audience and conducted the programme. He spoke on the significance of the day's celebration and spelt out the need for World Union on a spiritual basis. He stressed the need for greater efforts for human unity, as the events in India and abroad were very much disturbing. After his talk and welcome address Shri J.N. Puri read the messages received from Sri M. P. Pandit, Sri A.B. Patel for the occasion. Dr. R.K. Bhan, Vice-Chairman of the Delhi Centre, addressed the gathering and gave an account of the world events during the past few decades. He emphasised the need for every individual's contribution for human unity as the world events and continuing explosions of population and nuclear armaments, and constantly increasing economic disparities between the rich and poor nations needed urgent unity of the human beings to solve these and other world problems. He exhorted the children, youth and adults to dedicate and rededicate themselves to the cause of World Union more vigorously. Thereafter Sri Surendra Nath Jauhar, who was the Chief Guest of the evening, delivered his presidential address. He expressed

happiness that World Union Day was being celebrated within the precincts of Sri Aurobindo Ashram. He, however, stated that matters will improve quicker and sooner if there could be well planned programme of practical work and action every day for achieving human unity. He felt the agony of still growing national barriers and efforts on the part of some powers to impose more and more restrictions on the entry of citizens of the world in their countries. Sri Jauhar suggested that every individual should join hands and plan certain projects whereby the tempo of world unity can be accelerated. He wished that there could be a world where no passport is required, no visa is necessary and there are such facilities as any world citizen can go to any country. He wanted the national barriers to be removed soon. In conclusion he suggested that equally important is to attain human and spiritual consciousness as has been visualised by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. The function was well attended and ended with a vote of thanks. The information of the World Union Day celebration was published by prominent Newspapers of New Delhi such as Hindustan Times, Times of India, National Herald, Indian Express and Patriot.

The second function was organised on Sunday, the 24th August 1980, in collaboration with Tushita Mahyana Meditation Centre at 5/5 Shanthi Niketan, New Delhi. It was attended by young and old, men and women and the audience included representatives from various countries of the world. Their participation gave the function a real look of an international gathering seeking the growing concept and need for human unity. At the outset, Director of the Meditation Centre welcomed the audience to this function of an unusual nature, more significantly as it was the celebration of World Union Day. He introduced the Speaker and Chief Guest of the evening, Shri Chhedi Lal and welcomed the members of the World Union Delhi Centre for their participation in the joint function.

Shri Chhedi Lal addressed the audience and traced the history of the World Union International Centre which came into being on the inspirations provided by the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. He also spelt out the details of the several functions and programmes going on in India and abroad for creating the climate for human unity and world peace. He gave details of the Sixth Triennial World Union Convention held in New Delhi in November 1979.

After a short interval and tea break, Revered Lama Thubten Zopa Rinpoche, a highly respected teacher of Buddhist meditation and philosophy, spoke on the enlightened attitude of Bodhichitta. The programme was given due importance by the audience who appreciated the functions for World Union Day celebrations and the addresses delivered by the two Speakers.

Samar Basu: Samar Basu, the Coordinator of World Union in the Eastern Region, has sent an article on "World Union Day—20th August". As this Focus is likely to be longer than usual, we give only four excerpts from his article and regret our inability to publish the whole article.

1. 20th August, like any other date, comes once in a year; but it is not the same to us as the other dates are, because unlike them it has become a "DAY".

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2. It may seem to be somewhat paradoxical to observe the birthday of a child who has not yet taken birth. But truly speaking the NEW WORLD — that is to say WORLD UNION, has already taken birth and is existing but behind the curtain. It has not yet appeared physically on the surface. It is man's earliest pre-occupation to perform this great job—to bring it out, that is to say—to create the NEW WORLD for the embodiment of the NEW SPIRIT; and man has been doing this knowingly or unknowingly since his appearance on this Planet — Earth.

3. To become a member of World Union is not sufficient in itself. World Union is a movement. Its member must move on and not remain static in the same place for years together. He must endeavour gradually to become a worker of World Union. To become a worker a member has to do something for the propagation and dissemination of the great ideal on the one hand and on the other to develop his inner nature to become a shadow of the New Spirit (which is yet to be born), so that he may hew out the right way that leads to the goal by throwing out the stumbling blocks upheld by the ghosts of old ideas, religion, moralities and political ideologies etc.

4. Therefore, on each World Union Day, along with the external programme we must renew our allegiance and loyalty to the Supreme with hearts open and minds silent because without his Grace we cannot take the next step. This is what the 'Day' demands of us.

Kanpur: Sri R. K. Awasthi has reported that World Union Kanpur Centre celebrated World Union Day on the 20th August 1980 at "Parnakuti", Kanpur. Sri K. L. Agarwal, Principal of Sri Marwari College, Kanpur, presided and Sri H. N. Mishra, Prof. of English in the College was the main Speaker on the theme "Not Nationalism but the Concept of World Community is the best Concept of Life". Sri Mishra outlined the philosophy of Maharshi Aurobindo and delineating Matter, Life, Mind and Wisdom, he told the gathering that Sri Aurobindo, by his penance and meditation, had achieved the position of Superman and by his self introspection he had attained the ideal of treating the entire world as One Family, thus advocating the Vedic principle of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam". According to the need of gradual human evolution nationalism was extremely needed and in some cases, where political emancipation has not yet been achieved, is still needed, but as the world has now become small due to scientific developments, the entire human community has come closer and human consciousness has wisely begun to consider the world as one community, one family of all human beings. Hence the idea of World Union, though old in conception, is thoroughly new in approach and in its means of attainment.

Among other Speakers there were doctors, teachers and poets of Kanpur, all of whom stressed the need of propagating and following the principles of World Union for achieving human unity in the world. Before the commencement of the World Union Day programme, the President of World Union Kanpur Centre, Parmarthi Krishna Kumar Gupta garlanded Sri K. L. Agarwal and Sri H. N. Mishra and the General Secretary Sri Ram Krishna Awasthi gave a brief history of the organization and emphasised the need for celebration of the World Union Day. Dr. S. M. P. Tiwari, the Vice-President of the Centre, welcomed the guests and

Shri Parmarthi K. K. Gupta proposed a vote of thanks. The celebration began and ended with prayer and meditation and distribution of Prasad. Poems were also recited on world unity and all the persons present prayed to God for peace, prosperity, joy and happiness for the people of the world.

World Union Kanpur Centre also made efforts to hold debates and essay competition by the High Secondary and Degree College students on various topics. The World Union Day celebration was a great success and the people felt deeply impressed with the ideals of World Union and the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo.

Bombay: Shri N. S. Amin has reported that the World Union Day was celebrated on the 20th August at Sahakar, Bombay-20, under the joint auspices of the World Union Khar, Sion and Bombay Centres at 6:30 P.M. when the recording of the Mother's declaration of the 15th August 1954 was heard by all. The declaration refers to the acceptance of the principle of dual nationality and to Sri Aurobindo's great teaching which reveals that all the nations are essentially one and man must express the Divine Unity upon earth recognising harmonious diversity. The celebration concluded with silent meditation and Prasad.

Symposium on "The Highest Concept is World Community, Not Nationalism" was held on the 23rd August 1980 at Sahakar. It commenced with two minutes silent meditation. Sri N. S. Amin described briefly how nature had been preparing man slowly through evolutionary process to realise oneness with all. After the formation of national units for collective life, the evolutionary process has now created conditions which urge man for union with the whole humanity and englobe in it all nations. The activities of the specialised agencies of the United Nations are now promoting global consciousness. Man is moving steadily into the phase of evolution when he has to develop for his collective life the whole humanity as one family. The spiritual movement is gradually getting established. Persons, who are ready for it, are gradually growing into it by developing their consciousness. This will necessarily, though gradually, build family of nations practising the ideal of world unity and Sri Aurobindo's dream of world unity will become a reality. The members of World Union and their friends participated in the Symposium, among whom were Sri Deve, Sri Veera, Sri K. R. Hegde, Sri R. G. Gogate, Sri Harshad Mehta and others. After the symposium, the members of World Union decided to hold monthly meetings on the first and third Saturday of every month at 3:30 P.M. at Sahakar. Tea was served to members.

Shillong: Sri G. S. Ghosh has reported that the World Union Day was celebrated at Shillong by holding a public meeting on 20-8-80 under the Presidentship of Prof. B. M. Tugh in the North Eastern hill University Campus. Dr. Joseph made an introductory speech and Sri R. N. Barua, Dr. Karna and Prof. S. Bhattacharjee spoke on the "The Highest Concept is World Unity – Not Nationalism".

Sanskrit, English, Kannada and Lushai songs were sung by Prof. Protima Chaudhury, Miss Diana Maunnai with Mr. Andrew Maunnai, Mrs. Murthi, Radio Artist of Bangalore and Mr. M. Pozara with his party, respectively. The closing song was by Prof. Protima Choudhury in Hindi. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Mr. C. P. Tiwari of Continued Education in North Eastern Hill University.

Mysore & Nanjangud: As the report of the inauguration of the World Union Mysore Centre on the 26th July 1980 was received late, we had to be satisfied in giving a brief report of the inauguration prepared from the invitation card for the function in the September 1980 Focus. We received the report on the 25th August 1980 and intended to refer to it in the October 1980 Focus, but as the October Focus is already unusually long we are obliged to drop the idea. World Union Day was celebrated under the joint auspices of the Mysore and Nanjangud Centres at the Institute of Engineers (India), Mysore, on the 25th August 1980. After invocation by Kumari Geetha Rameswaram, Sri B. V. Balasubrahmanyam, Chairman of Mysore Centre, welcomed the guests and gathering. Sri M. K. Rameswaram, Coordinator of the Southern Region, spoke of the significance of the World Union Day. This was followed by a symposium on "The Highest Concept is World Community, Not Nationalism" in which the following Speakers participated:

Dr. K. B. Ramakrishna Rao, Dr. C. K. N. Raja, Sri S. V. Venkatarama Swamy and Dr. B. V. Rajagopal. Sri Agaram Rangaiah, Editor of a local daily 'SADHVI' presided over the celebration and also acted as the moderator. In his Presidential address Sri Rangaiah recalled with a sense of thrill, the unique occasion of his conversation with Sri Aurobindo decades ago. Sri M. S. Vijaya Shankar, Secretary and Treasurer of the Mysore Centre proposed a vote of thanks.

Third National Convention of World Union Centres in India:

The second meeting of the Convention Committee of National Centre—India, Bangalore, was held at the residence of Prof. K. S. Chakravarthi on Sunday, the 24th August 1980 at 4:00 P. M. when Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau presided. A brief account of the proceedings of the informal meeting held on that day at 8:00 A. M. at the residence of Sri K. S. Sridharan was given by Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, who welcomed Dr. Kamoooben Patel and requested her to participate in the deliberations. The following decisions were taken: (i) To hold the Convention on the 7th, 8th and 9th June 1981; (ii) to hold inaugural function at Ravindra Kalakshetra at 10:00 A. M. on 7-6-81 with cultural programme from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on the same day at Ravindra Kalakshetra (iii) to commence the Convention in the morning of 7th June and to end it on the 9th June with lunch; (iv) (a) Each delegate's fee, inclusive of boarding and lodging in the Campus, will be Rs. 50.00; (b) spouse of a delegate will pay the fee of Rs. 50.00; (c) each child between the age 5 to 12 years will be charged Rs. 25.00 (d) each child above the age of 12 years will be charged Rs. 50.00; (e) a guest of a member will pay Rs. 30.00 per day. The dates for registration will be notified. The date, after which no cancellation will be permitted, will be announced. (v) It was decided to enrol members and sympathisers of World Union as (a) Patrons paying Rs. 1001.00 or more; (b) Donors paying Rs. 250.00 and more; (c) Reception Committee members paying Rs. 101.00 and more. All these amounts include registration, boarding and lodging. (vi) For those, who desire to stay in hotels, reservations or arrangements will be made on extra charge of hotel tariff. (vii) It was decided to issue a Souvenir with the following Advertisement Tariff: (a) Back cover outside page Rs. 2,000/-. (b) Front cover inside page Rs. 1500/-. (c) Back cover inside page Rs. 1500/-. (d) Special position Rs. 1000/-. (e) Full page Rs. 750.00. (f) Half-

page Rs. 400.00. (g) Quarter page Rs. 250.00. The print area for full page advertisements will be 22 cms x 16 cms; for half-page 11 cms x 16 cms; for quarter page 11 cms x 8 cms. Total copies of Souvenir to be printed will be 2000. The Committee decided the target of collecting in all Rs. 1,00,000/- (viii) The Chairman of the Convention was authorised to constitute sub-committees; (a) Finance Committee, (b) Souvenir Committee, (c) Subjects Committee and any other Committee as and when the need arises. (ix) For accommodation of delegates and for sectional meetings the following group of hostels may be considered in order of preference and the Standing Committee was authorised to take final decision: (a) Around Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, (b) Around Gayana Samaja, (c) Hostels in Seshadri Road. Sri K. S. Sridharan and Sri Munivenkatappa were asked to make a report about the first group of hostels; Sri K. M. Naganna, Sri Somasekhar and Sri Subbarayan to report about the second group and Sri H. S. Narayana Setty and Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana about the third group. They were asked to report to the Standing Committee within a fortnight. (x) The Committee empowered the Standing Committee to take all necessary steps concerning the Convention. (xi) It was resolved to open Account No. 2 in the Bank of Baroda for the exclusive purpose of the Convention in the name of World Union National Centre-India and the Treasurer Sri H. S. Narayana Setty was authorised to operate the account. (xii) Receipt books for the Convention will be printed separately with the words provisional and final receipts will be issued from the International Centre, so that the donors get the benefit under Section 80(G) of the Income tax exemption. (xiii) It was resolved to request Sri N. S. Rao, Bombay, to be the Chairman of the Patrons' Committee. The Committee expressed its gratitude to the following who were kind enough to accept the invitation of the Committee to donate Rs. 1001/- as Patrons: (a) Sri K. N. Seshadri Iyengar, Rs. 1001.00. (b) Sri T. S. Somasekhar Rs. 1001.00. (xiv) It was resolved to request all World Union members to enrol as Reception Committee members. (xv) Sri K. M. Naganna reported the progress in securing on lease the site for World Union and took the members to the proposed site for inspection. The Committee expressed its gratitude to him. (xvi) Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau brought to the attention of members the valuable suggestions which were made by Sri M. P. Pandit regarding the programmes and the work of the National Centre-India.

Gratitude was expressed to the hosts Sri K. S. Sridharan and family and Prof. K. S. Chakravarthi and family for hosting the two meetings of the day.

The Fifth Adhoc Committee of the National Centre-India was held on 3rd September 1980 at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs at 5:30 P. M. when Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau presided. The attendance was good.

The proceedings of the Fourth Adhoc Committee held on 7.8.80, the first Standing Committee held on 13.8.80 and the second meeting of the Convention Committee held on 24.8.80 were read and recorded. The following were enrolled as members of the Reception Committee (i) Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau Rs. 101.00, (ii) Sri T. B. Naganna Rs. 101.00, (iii) Sri K. S. Sridharan Rs. 101.00, (iv) Sri H. S. Narayana Setty Rs. 101.00, and (v) Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana Rs. 101.00.

Sri H. S. Narayana Setty informed the meeting that Account No. 2432 has been opened with the Bank of Baroda, Jayanagar, in the name of World Union National Centre-India to be operated by him and Account No. 2437 opened in the same bank in the name of the "3rd

National Convention India — World Union National Centre-India'' to be operated by him as Treasurer. The draft for tariff of advertisement was approved and Sri K. S. Sridharan was asked to have 1000 copies printed.

Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Convention shall meet at 5:30 P. M. on the 2nd and the 4th Wednesday of every month at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, till the Convention is over. The President was authorised to co-opt, if necessary, additional members to the Standing Committee.

Sri Ashok Narayan, I. A. S., Director of Canara Bank was the invitee to the meeting and the members of the Adhoc Committee and Sri Ashok Narayan had fraternal exchange of ideas.

World Union National Centre of United Kingdom

The meeting of the World Union members and friends in U. K. was held on Sunday, the 31st August 1980 at 2:00 P. M. at the National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 in Lincolnshire Room on 2nd Floor when Shri Rohitbhai Mehta addressed the meeting for one hour from 3:15 to 4:15 P. M. At that meeting World Union National Centre-U. K. was constituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Gerhard F. Haupt with Mrs. Savitaben Patel as Secretary, Mr. Rameshbhai Patel as Treasurer and Mr. Jayantibhai I. Patel and Mr. Kanubhai Patel as members of the Executive Council along with the office bearers. They expect to work for the World Union Movement and to form Regional Centres in U. K.

Gurudeep Manocha

Since the beginning of the current year Sri Gurudeep Manocha of New Delhi is not connected with World Union or any aspect of the World Union Movement and yet he wrongfully uses the letterheads of World Union International Centre, New Delhi, for his correspondence with some persons overseas and in India. He was twice asked not to do it, but he continues to do it wrongfully. Therefore, we are obliged to inform all concerned that Sri Gurudeep Manocha is not directly or indirectly connected with World Union or the World Union Movement and has no right to use letterheads of World Union International, New Delhi, for his correspondence or to pose himself as connected with the World Union Movement.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

Bangalore: A lecture was delivered by Professor G. Venkatasubbaiah on 7-9-80 at 10:00 A. M. at N. M. K. R. V. College. He was introduced by B. N. Sundera Rao as an erudite scholar, Professor of Kannada and Chief Editor of the Kannada Dictionary, which has taken forty years to complete at a cost of fifty lakhs of rupees. Prof. G. Venkatasubbaiah speaking

page Rs. 400.00. (g) Quarter page Rs. 250.00. The print area for full page advertisements will be 22 cms x 16 cms; for half-page 11 cms x 16 cms; for quarter page 11 cms x 8 cms. Total copies of Souvenir to be printed will be 2000. The Committee decided the target of collecting in all Rs. 1,00,000/- (viii) The Chairman of the Convention was authorised to constitute sub-committees; (a) Finance Committee, (b) Souvenir Committee, (c) Subjects Committee and any other Committee as and when the need arises. (ix) For accommodation of delegates and for sectional meetings the following group of hostels may be considered in order of preference and the Standing Committee was authorised to take final decision: (a) Around Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, (b) Around Gayana Samaja, (c) Hostels in Seshadri Road. Sri K. S. Sridharan and Sri Munivenkatappa were asked to make a report about the first group of hostels; Sri K. M. Naganna, Sri Somasekhar and Sri Subbarayan to report about the second group and Sri H. S. Narayana Setty and Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana about the third group. They were asked to report to the Standing Committee within a fortnight. (x) The Committee empowered the Standing Committee to take all necessary steps concerning the Convention. (xi) It was resolved to open Account No. 2 in the Bank of Baroda for the exclusive purpose of the Convention in the name of World Union National Centre-India and the Treasurer Sri H. S. Narayana Setty was authorised to operate the account. (xii) Receipt books for the Convention will be printed separately with the words provisional and final receipts will be issued from the International Centre, so that the donors get the benefit under Section 80(G) of the Income tax exemption. (xiii) It was resolved to request Sri N. S. Rao, Bombay, to be the Chairman of the Patrons' Committee. The Committee expressed its gratitude to the following who were kind enough to accept the invitation of the Committee to donate Rs. 1001/- as Patrons: (a) Sri K. N. Seshadri Iyengar, Rs. 1001.00. (b) Sri T. S. Somasekhar Rs. 1001.00. (xiv) It was resolved to request all World Union members to enrol as Reception Committee members. (xv) Sri K. M. Naganna reported the progress in securing on lease the site for World Union and took the members to the proposed site for inspection. The Committee expressed its gratitude to him. (xvi) Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau brought to the attention of members the valuable suggestions which were made by Sri M. P. Pandit regarding the programmes and the work of the National Centre-India.

Gratitude was expressed to the hosts Sri K. S. Sridharan and family and Prof. K. S. Chakravarthi and family for hosting the two meetings of the day.

The Fifth Adhoc Committee of the National Centre-India was held on 3rd September 1980 at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs at 5:30 P. M. when Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau presided. The attendance was good.

The proceedings of the Fourth Adhoc Committee held on 7.8.80, the first Standing Committee held on 13.8.80 and the second meeting of the Convention Committee held on 24.8.80 were read and recorded. The following were enrolled as members of the Reception Committee (i) Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau Rs. 101.00, (ii) Sri T. B. Naganna Rs. 101.00, (iii) Sri K. S. Sridharan Rs. 101.00, (iv) Sri H. S. Narayana Setty Rs. 101.00, and (v) Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana Rs. 101.00.

Sri H. S. Narayana Setty informed the meeting that Account No. 2432 has been opened with the Bank of Baroda, Jayanagar, in the name of World Union National Centre-India to be operated by him and Account No. 2437 opened in the same bank in the name of the "3rd

National Convention India — World Union National Centre-India'' to be operated by him as Treasurer. The draft for tariff of advertisement was approved and Sri K. S. Sridharan was asked to have 1000 copies printed.

Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Convention shall meet at 5:30 P. M. on the 2nd and the 4th Wednesday of every month at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, till the Convention is over. The President was authorised to co-opt, if necessary, additional members to the Standing Committee.

Sri Ashok Narayan, I. A. S., Director of Canara Bank was the invitee to the meeting and the members of the Adhoc Committee and Sri Ashok Narayan had fraternal exchange of ideas.

World Union National Centre of United Kingdom

The meeting of the World Union members and friends in U. K. was held on Sunday, the 31st August 1980 at 2:00 P. M. at the National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London SW1 in Lincolnshire Room on 2nd Floor when Shri Rohitbhai Mehta addressed the meeting for one hour from 3:15 to 4:15 P. M. At that meeting World Union National Centre-U. K. was constituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Gerhard F. Haupt with Mrs. Savitaben Patel as Secretary, Mr. Rameshbhai Patel as Treasurer and Mr. Jayantibhai I. Patel and Mr. Kanubhai Patel as members of the Executive Council along with the office bearers. They expect to work for the World Union Movement and to form Regional Centres in U. K.

Gurudeep Manocha

Since the beginning of the current year Sri Gurudeep Manocha of New Delhi is not connected with World Union or any aspect of the World Union Movement and yet he wrongfully uses the letterheads of World Union International Centre, New Delhi, for his correspondence with some persons overseas and in India. He was twice asked not to do it, but he continues to do it wrongfully. Therefore, we are obliged to inform all concerned that Sri Gurudeep Manocha is not directly or indirectly connected with World Union or the World Union Movement and has no right to use letterheads of World Union International, New Delhi, for his correspondence or to pose himself as connected with the World Union Movement.

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on the subject 'Word and Its Connotation' traced the history of word and its connotation through various times and countries. A word has no meaning out of its context. The word has always lagged behind the idea. What the word conveys to another is connotation. Silence is more powerful than words. Unless words are correctly understood and correctly interpreted disasters result. He cited two examples. When the Americans gave an ultimatum to Japan to surrender or face annihilation, Japan replied 'Mokatsu' which means both ignore and delay. Whereas Japan might have meant reply delayed, America took it as ignored and showered Atom Bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Another example of misinterpretation of word is when Chang told Bently 'Let him have it' meaning to handover the gun to the police. Bently interpreted it wrongly and shot the policeman and he was hanged. When the famous first full English dictionary the Oxford English Dictionary was completed, it had 50,000 words. But later due to incorporating words from many countries and languages it acquired 5 lakhs of words. The first dictionary recorded in India is in the year 500 B. C. Words are created by ordinary men and they survive. The best of translations cannot do sufficient justice to the original. 'Poetry is what is lost in translation'. He concluded by saying words are a powerful media to unite the people of the world and different cultures. Words need correct interpretation with reference to the context. Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana thanked the Speaker.

Uttarpara: (1) The 84th monthly Seminar of this Centre was held on the 9th August 1980 at 6:00 P. M. when Sri Samar Basu presided. The subject of the Seminar was "What does a World Unionist—a Spiritual Seeker learn from the present crises of the world—especially of India". Shri N. K. Roy and and Shri P. K. Banerjee inaugurated and Sri S. K. Gupta and Sri Samar Basu participated in the discussion.

In his inaugural address Sri Roy indicated how the ideal of human rights was being utterly ignored by almost all the Nation-States. He emphasised that it is India that can show the right way to save the humanity from total destruction. Sri P. K. Banerjee pointed out that the solution did not lie with any external machinery however novel it might be; the solution did lie with union of all nations and that would have to be established. Sri S. K. Gupta spoke at length—elucidating how the two groups pragmatic and spiritual were endeavouring to get rid of the crises. But the key was in the hands of spiritual group and ultimately that group would be successful. Sri Samar Basu concluded the Seminar stating that the present crises which mankind was passing through were evolutionary crises out of which a New World would take birth. World Unionist should take it in that spirit and must endeavour to make this world ready so that the spirit might step in and lead humanity to its goal. This was the lesson that a world-unionist would learn from the present crises.

Sri Aurobindo Jayanti: On 15th August 1980 at 4:30 P.M. this Centre celebrated in collaboration with the teachers and students of Amarendra Vidyapith, Sri Aurobindo Jayanti and the birth centenary of Amarendra Nath Chattapadhyaya—a revolutionary and a close collaborator of Sri Aurobindo. Sri Paritosh Mukherjee, Headmaster of the School presided.

After group concentration with 'Bande Mataram' (vocal song) Sri S. K. Gupta inaugurated the celebration. Sri P. Mukherjee spoke on—"National Integration and the role of Student community". Then Shri Sumangal Chatterjee, and Asst. Teacher of the School gave a very interesting and informative talk on the life and work of Biplobi Amarendra Nath. Sri

P. K. Banerjee spoke on "New India" and how to build it up. A student of the School read out his essay on "Contribution of Sri Aurobindo in the struggle for independence of India". **Sri Sailendra N. Basu**, Asst. Head Master of the School read out his well-comprehensive article on "Our cultural Heritage". It was a very happy and encouraging celebration attended by a good number of teachers and interested persons of the locality.

Mahishadal: Since its inception in February 1980, the Centre has been conducting a Study Circle on every Wednesday at 4:30 P.M. In these sittings, the teachings of Sri Ramkrishna, Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo and the Mother are read out after observing five minutes group concentration. On 23rd July Prof. Tirthanath Sarkar visited the Centre from Tamruk and attended the Wednesday sitting. He read out Sri Aurobindo's poem "Beyond the Silence" in both English and Bengali. In his discussion he laid stress on a line of the poem, i.e. "Act in the world with thy being beyond it". He said that is the mantra of Karma-yoga which is to be followed by every World Union worker in this hour of God.

At the end, Sri Ranajit Boyal, the Chairman raised some questions about the action and influence of the Supramental power on earth which Prof. Sarkar answered. The meeting ended with the resolutions to conduct properly the work of the library which has already been started and also to publish wall-magazine and to organise debate and oration competitions.

Rishra: In the evening of Wednesday dated 2nd and 16th July, 1980 at L.N.C. Mills Staff Club, readings and discussions were held after usual hymns to Sri Durga, Mother's prayers and group concentration.

2nd July Sri Milan Kanti Sikder read out a selected portion from the book—WHO IS THE MOTHER. He chose the Chapter "Mother's Grace". We must earnestly rely on the Mother; have self-reliance, but there will be no views for and against, no self-opinion, as well as no likes and dislikes. Sri Ramakrishna exhorts: "Be like the kitten calling Ma-Ma repeatedly."

16th July Sri B. Chakraborty read out and discussed from the same Chapter. What should we do to achieve Mother's Grace? Only two things are absolutely necessary—Perseverance and Sincerity. He described the essential aspects of these two qualities. Perseverance being real eagerness, patient endeavour etc. and sincerity being incessant single mindedness etc. Discussions ended with thanks to all.

Bon-Hoogly: The 11th monthly meeting was held on 30th August 1980 at the residence of Dr. B. Bhattacharya, Bon-Hooghly Govt. Quarters, 104 B.T. Road, Calcutta-35, at 6:30 P.M. Sri Dulal Chandra Paul presided. The opening song was sung by Km. Banasree Bhattacharya. The meeting commenced with group concentration. The members mainly presented their comments on observation during the recent visit to Pondicherry. Most of the members of this Centre went to Pondicherry on the occasion of the 15th August 1980 Darshan Day and stayed there for six days. Sri Ashok Ray Chowdhury, Sri Ashok Ray, Sri Dulal Chandra Paul and Smt. Krishna Bhattacharya (Secretary) took part in the discussion and they said in simple language: "We have visited Pondicherry—Sri Aurobindo Ashram for the first

time. We felt that the Pondicherry Ashram is a laboratory of the Divine Mother. We realised that the visit is the best part of our life". Km. Banasree Bhattacharya (age 10 years) who also accompanied them said: "During my stay at Pondicherry I always felt in me Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Most of the time I remained near the Samadhi. The second thing is that several times I had read letters of Sri A. B. Patel and heard the name of Sri M. P. Pandit from my father. This time I had the occasion to see them, hear their voice and Sri Patel even offered me tea and biscuits. I am grateful for all this." Sri Dulal Chandra Paul said that on the 15th August 1980 we attended the get together meeting of the World Union held at the residence of Sri A. B. Patel at 3:30 P. M. Sri M. P. Pandit presided and was the main Speaker. In his talk he gave us new light on the World Union Movement. At the end Smt. Bhattacharya added in her talk that "We were extremely grateful to Sri A. B. Patel for his good hospitality."

The guest of this meeting, Sri N. C. Roy talked on Savitri and elaborately discussed on concentration and meditation for equipping everyone accordingly. The meeting ended at 9:00 P. M. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

New Alipur: On the 7th August, in the monthly meeting, death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore was observed. It commenced with a prayer music in Sanskrit and a recorded Rabindra music by K. L. Saigal. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee said that some people are born in this world, who do not belong to any particular nation, such as poets, scientists, yogis etc. Hence Rabindranath as a poet was a universal man. He also dreamt of Viswa-manala and Viswa-Samaj. Rabindra Music was offered by Ashima De and Kalyan Roy. Sri L. N. Datta on behalf of Calcutta Centre, invited the members to attend the World Union Day celebration at Chakraberia High School on 24th August. Later, Dr. Mukherjee informed the members of the interesting programme on that day when there was overwhelming response from the members.

On 30th and 31st August, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee visited Mahisadal and Ashokenagar Centres, where he talked about Sri Aurobindo and World Union. He stressed on the idea that every individual is a part of the world. Hence when one individual is harmonised, that part of the world is also harmonised. So individual and world are inter-related and the world is not an ambiguous term—as one might often think. Mother wanted the collection of such individuals to carry on the World Union Movement. So World Union in its ideal form is a collective movement of harmonised individuals.

On the 4th September in the monthly meeting a passage was read from Mother's conversation saying that we all have come in this world to fulfil the will of the Divine and to do his work. Devotional music was offered by Mira and Tanuja Mukherjee, Juli Nag and Kalyan Roy. Savitri recitation by the Mother was played on the tape. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed in brief that one should remember three things in his daily life: (1) One should be conscious of the presence of Divine and the purpose of one's life; (2) One should be plastic to change his nature and ideas by something new and high; (3) One should surrender to the superior guiding force and will of the Divine.

New Centre:

Karimnagar: This New Centre was inaugurated on the 5th September 1980 by Smt. P. Parvarthi, the Principal of Government Degree College for Women, Karimnagar. The President is Sri G. V. R. Krishna Rao and the Secretary Sri B. Radhakrishnan. The address of the Centre is that of the President being: World Union Karimnagar Centre, C/o. Sri G. V. R. Krishna Rao, Lecturer in English, Government Degree College for Women, KARIMNAGAR 505002, (A. P.)

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FUTURE OF HUMANITY

World conditions are no doubt very difficult. This is the period of a great transition. Creative, constructive and positive forces of progressive evolution are gradually but steadily replacing conservative, negative and no change forces of status quo. Everyone wishing to help the forces of progressive evolution must begin with himself by vibrating positive thoughts of peace, unity, harmony, understanding and love. Thoughts or talk of negative and evil forces must be avoided because that helps the continuation of the forces of status quo.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Preferred Future of the Human Race

Though a great deal of constructive work is being done in the United Nations Organisation, particularly in its Allied Agencies in various fields of life, the difficult world problems such as ever increasing armies, armaments and arms race, the danger of nuclear war, population explosion, environmental pollution remain untackled or unsolved, because the national states of the world think more in terms of their power, ego and selfish interests than the good of humanity. The human race appears to be drifting in an unknown direction, perhaps towards a disaster. The world is spending now about 500 billion dollars a year for armies, armaments and arms race. If a portion of that amount could be used for the removal of malnutrition, hunger and disease suffered by a large number of people in the world, particularly in third world countries, it would prove helpful, if not to abolish, at least to substantially reduce malnutrition, hunger and disease. But the powers, who are spending the substantial portion of such large sums of money on the arms race, will not agree to disarm, even partially. Disarmament has been discussed by the General Assemblies of the UNO and by several Governmental and non-governmental gatherings without fruitful results. Unfortunately the third world countries, who are unable to solve the problems of poverty, hunger and disease within their respective countries, are increasingly spending more money for armies and armaments.

The Time-Spirit demands that even a small minority of people around the world, who fully appreciate the gravity of world problems for safeguarding the future of the human

race, must combine together along with the representatives of non-governmental organizations working for world unity, world community, world government, global civilization, synthesis of cultures, peaceful solution of all problems by non-violent means and dialogue for the removal of conflicts between nations and peoples, and hammering out projects for the progressive evolution of mankind. They must influence the human race to make a proper choice for a preferred future.

Third National Convention of World Union Centres in India

The theme for the Convention is "The Practice Of Oneness; The Caring Community". This main theme will be discussed by four Commissions on (i) Oneness of Mankind; World Union Concept. (ii) Identification of disintegrating forces. (iii) Instrumentation; The Caring Community. (iv) Integration—The programme of work.

The National Convention Meeting held on 24th September 1980 at Bangalore has decided the following programme:

1. PROGRAMME:

Sunday—7th June 1981	9:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.	Registration
	9:30 A.M. to 12 noon	Inauguration
	12 noon to 1:00 P.M.	Key note address
	1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Lunch and rest
	4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.	Panel discussion (Speakers from Allied Organizations)
	6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.	Coffee break
	6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.	Cultural Programme (I)
	9:00 P.M.	Dinner
Monday—8th June 1981	9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	Commission 1
	10:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.	Coffee break
	11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.	Commission 2
	12:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Lunch and rest
	4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	Commission 3
	5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.	Coffee break
	6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.	Commission 4
	7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.	Cultural Programme (II)
	9:00 P.M.	Dinner
Tuesday—9th June 1981	9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.	General Body Meeting
	10:00 A.M. to 12 noon	Concluding Session (Coffee to be served during session)
	12 noon to 1:00 P.M.	First National Council Meeting
	1:00 P.M.	Lunch

2. Agenda for the General Body Meeting—9th June 1981—9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

(1) Silent Prayer. (2) Reading of notice of the General Body. (3) Welcome by the National President. (4) Report by the National Secretary. (5) Resolutions. (6) Amendments to Rules. (7) Election of Office-bearers. (8) Any other subject by permission of the Chair. (9) Vote of thanks.

3. Agenda for First National Council Meeting

(1) Silent Prayer. (2) President's opening remarks. (3) Secretary's report. (4) Adoption of accounts for 1980-81 and budget for 1981-82. (5) Cooption of ten members to the National Council. (6) Election of ten members to the National Executive. (7) Any other subject by permission of the Chair. (8) Vote of thanks.

The Office-bearers and members of the Adhoc Committee of World Union National Centre-India, Bangalore, wish to inform all World Union Centres in India and members of World Union that the main aim of the Convention is to bring together all members of World Union Centres in India so that all concerned can think together and plan work to convey the message of World Union for unity, oneness and love to the people of India. All World Union members and Centres in India are requested to participate actively in the Convention.

In order to commemorate this occasion of the Convention, it has been decided to bring out a befitting Souvenir for which the rates of tariff for advertisement were set out in full in the October 1980 Focus under the heading of Third National Convention of World Union Centres in India. It was also decided to request all World Union Centres and members to enrol Patrons subscribing Rs. 1,000/- or more, Donors subscribing Rs. 250.00 to Rs. 1,000/- and Reception Committee Members subscribing Rs. 101.00 or more.

Each World Union Centre is requested to give short account of its Centre so that it could be printed in a separate section of the Souvenir under the heading of World Union Centres-India. It will be highly appreciated if the World Union Centres prove helpful in canvassing advertisements for the Souvenir Volume and/or in enrolling Patrons, Donors and Reception Committee Members.

Bangalore is the Capital of the State of Karnataka situated in the heart of Southern India. Rightly named "The Garden City", Bangalore is noted for its beautiful gardens, sprawling lawns and enchanting avenues. Being known for its selubrious climate throughout the year (month of June is very pleasant), tourists flock to the city in large numbers. Karnataka is known for its ancient temples with intricate architecture and eye catching sculptures, bewitching hill stations, natural waterfalls, giant dams, with some of the largest industrialist establishments, exotic silk sarees and beautiful sandal and other handicrafts and above all for its fine hospitality. Consequently all members of World Union are requested to make a trip to attend the Convention cum holiday with your family members. Every extra day spent by you will be worth remembering for many years to come. Every effort is being made to make the stay of participants in the Convention comfortable and pleasant. The delegates' fees have been kept very low and were set out in full in the October 1980 Focus.

Please write for further information to Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, Secretary, World Union National Centre-India, 197, 7th Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar, BANGALORE 560011.

International Conference on the Holocaust and Genocide

Initial announcement and call for papers: An International Conference on the Holocaust and Genocide will take place in Tel-Aviv on June 20-24, 1982. The theme of the Conference is "TOWARDS UNDERSTANDING, INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE".

The goal of the Conference is to project genocide as a problem in the history and futures of all peoples. It is hoped to develop knowledge that can help avert or reduce calamities in the future by analyzing the processes which led to the holocaust and to genocides in other times and places. This interdisciplinary Conference will be preceded by a two-day Institute of Intensive Dialogue workshops, each led by an internationally recognised leader.

The Conference is open to all those concerned with genocide and will include leaders in Business, National and International Affairs and professionals in Communications, International Law and Relations, Human Rights, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Philosophy and Theology, Public Health and Medicine, Treatment of Survivors and their families.

The President of the Conference, Elie Wiesel, will conduct a Workshop during the two-day Institute as well as deliver a major plenary address. All the Workshops and the Conference will be conducted in English.

If you have done any work on the holocaust or genocide, for further information on registration and attendance, submission of papers or other forms of presentation, please contact: The Secretariat or Professor Israel W. Charny, Executive Director, International Conference on the Holocaust and Genocide, P. O. Box 29784, Tel-Aviv, Israel. Tel. 654571, Telex KENS IL.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

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Ashok Nagar: (1) World Union Day was observed on 31st August 1980 when Dr. J.N. Khan presided. Sri N.N. Chowdhury garlanded the portraits of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother followed by mass concentration to Mother's music. Sri Bamadev Bhattacharya read out from Rig Veda and Sri B.N. Sarkar the Secretary presented his report. Thereafter Sri Sukumar Mukherjee, the Guest Speaker, delivered an eloquent speech on "Sri Aurobindo and World Union".

The meeting was attended by representatives of four local organisations to whom invitations were sent. At the end, Dr. J.N. Khan while summing up appealed to all to educate their children to be citizens of the world and expressed a vote of thanks to all.

(2) The Study Circle of this Centre met on Sunday, 7th September 1980 when Sri Swapan Roy who is in charge read from Chapter XXVIII of "The Ideal of Human Unity" on "Diversity in Oneness". Important topics of the Chapter—Unity the very basis of existence, Evolution through diversity etc. were discussed with much interest.

(3) 15th August was celebrated as birthday of Sri Aurobindo and also as the independence day of India—at the residence of Sri N.N. Chowdhury, when Dr. J.N. Khan presided. The programme included hoisting of the Spiritual Flag of the Mother with Bande Mataram, group concentration, offering of flowers and recitation of Durga Stotra by Dr. Khan. Sri Mrinal Kanti Ghose presented devotional songs and Sri Swapan Roy read from Sri Aurobindo's writings. Sri B.N. Sarkar talked about the life of Sri Aurobindo. The function ended with distribution of Prasad.

Baroda: On 22-9-80 at 6.30 P.M. a lecture was arranged on "Human Unity" by Sri N.S. Rao, the Vice-President of World Union International, at Sri Aurobindo Nivas, Baroda. It lasted for about an hour and was very informative and interesting. About 125 persons attended.

Bombay: A get-together of the members of World Union and Sri Aurobindo Society and friends and admirers was held on 27th September 1980 at Bristol Grill Hotel in Bombay to felicitate N.S. Rao on his completing 60 years of age on 20-9-80. It was presided by Sri N.F. Kaikobad who welcomed Smt. and Sri N.S. Rao and referred to the many facets of the various activities in which Sri Rao was engaged. Sri M.N. Vepari and Sri Badrinārayan Gado-dia also referred to Sri Rao's contribution to the ideal of human unity and working for World Union from its inception as well as implementing Trusteeship principles, fair trade, rural uplift etc. Sri Rao replied appropriately including how he derived strength and comfort as a result of surrender to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Sri N.S. Amin proposed a vote of thanks and all others joined him in praying to the Divine Mother for Sri Rao's long life for a hundred years and greater capacity to serve the Divine.

Bon-Hooghly: The monthly meeting held on 14-9-80 was presided by Sri P.K. Sengupta and Sri Surajit Dutta Chowdhury was the Chief Guest. It commenced with ten minutes of group meditation. Sri Sengupta replied to the various questions raised by the members and also explained Sri Aurobindo's concept of Divinity. The members related their experiences in practicing the higher principles in daily life.

Chakradharpur: Sri Samar Basu, Coordinator and Sri Nirapada Das the Secretary of Kamarkundu Centre visited Chakradharpur on 14th August 1980. A lecture was arranged for students and teachers at 3.00 P.M. and Sri Samar Basu spoke on "The Role of students and Teachers in Building New India and the New World". It was very inspiring. At 7:00 P.M. a public meeting was held at Sri Aurobindo Society Centre when Sri Basu spoke on "Sri Aurobindo on Future of Humanity". The programme included recitation of Tagore's poem "Prithibi" by Sri Parthasarathi Sen and devotional song by Sri S.K. Roy, Papia Bhattacharjee, Dala Dey and others.

On 15th August 1980 Sri Aurobindo's 108 Birth Anniversary was celebrated jointly by World Union and Sri Aurobindo Society by a series of programmes,—including a talk by Sri Basu on "The Life Divine" and recitation by Sri Tapas Bose and devotional songs by Smt. Savitri Mukherjee.

On 17th August 1980 Sri Basu attended a meeting of World Union Centre to discuss organizational matters in which Society members participated. In the evening a symposium on "In the present Condition of the World an Absolute Faithfulness to the Divine has become an indispensable Need" was conducted.

On 20th August 1980 the auspicious World Union Day and the Centre's Foundation Day was celebrated when Sri Basu's article on "The Highest Concept is World Community—Not Nationalism" was read out by Sri P. Chakraborty. The programme included recitation of self-composed poem on World Unity by Sri Sashikarji and songs of Universal Consciousness by the young members of the Centre.

Dasnagar-Balitikuri & North Bantra: (1) Sri Aurobindo's birthday was observed by the two Centres jointly on the 15th August 1980. In the morning, there was a mass rally in the local area with the photos of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. The procession was accompanied by a band party. Sri Aurobindo's message on Independence Day was distributed among the members of the public. At 5:00 P.M. the function commenced with meditation for five minutes and opening song by Shibani Chakraborty. Sri Shachindranath Nag presided. Devotional songs were sung by Mala Som, Manika Haldar, Rama Makhal, Bablu Das and Samar Roy. Sushil Das recited the poem "Namaskar" (Salutation) of Rabindranath Tagore. Message of Sri Aurobindo on Independence Day was read by Samar Roy. Bablu Das recited his self-composed essay (article) on "Sri Aurobindo's light on Independence Day". Abhilash Mukherjee, Basudeb Samanta and Prakash Neogi delivered speeches on Sri Aurobindo and the significance of Independence Day. The meeting ended with devotional song by Mala Som.

(2) Both the Centres observed the "World Union Day" on 20th August 1980. The meeting commenced with meditation for two minutes. Opening songs were sung by Monika Haldar, Rama Makhal, Bablu Das and Samar Roy. Basudeb Samanta delivered a nice speech on World Union Movement as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Bablu Das recited his self composed poems on Sri Aurobindo. Sri Aurobindo's "Rose of God" was recited by Samar Roy. Devotional songs were sung by Anita Manna, Monika Haldar, Rama Makhal and Bablu Das. Pijush Bhadra recited the poem "Namaskar" (Salutation) of Rabindranath Tagore. A symposium on the "Sadhana of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother" was organised. The meeting ended with devotional songs by Samar Roy, Monika Haldar, Rama Makhal and Bablu Das.

Hyderabad: On October 2, 1980 Mahatma Gandhi's 111th Birthday was celebrated in the Gandhi Gnan Mandir under the presidency of Sri Mir Akbar Ali Khan, the former Governor of Orissa Province. This World Union Centre also was invited to participate in paying homage to the Father of the Nation on his birthday. Dr. P.N. Bindu, Hon. Secretary, Nallakunta Branch along with the President of the Branch Sri V. P. Raghavachary, Editor, Indian Education and also Dr. Moturi Satyanarayana of World Family attended the meeting.

Dr. P.N. Bindu moved a resolution to name Mahatma Gandhi's birthday as "The Human Brotherhood Day". The resolution was unanimously passed. Sri V.P. Raghavachary in his speech had mentioned that the younger generation must take a lesson from Gandhiji's life and actively work for the cause of Human Brotherhood dear to Mahatma Gandhi. Sri Mir Akbar Ali Khan, the President appealed to all people to work for the cause of Human Brotherhood. After that the meeting came to a close with a vote of thanks.

New Alipur: On 2nd October, Gandhiji's birthday was observed in a packed house. The Mother's presence was invoked by dance and recital by Barnali and Sandip Nag. A brief but consolidated life sketch of Mahatma Gandhi was discussed by Mr. N.C. Deb, the Chairman. He described Gandhi as the ideal Karma-Yogin. Gita was his guidance. His fight for truth and country hardly needs any special mentioning whence he is called the "Father of the Nation". People will ever remember him for his non-violence and satyagraha policy. Division of India, on her independence, was a shattering blow to his dream that Hindus and Muslims must live together in peace and amity. He is often mentined as the "Christ of India".

After a devotional offering by Kalyan and Sukti, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee referred some portions of an article "Mahatma Gandhi and World Unity" by Sri B.D. Jatti. Sri Jatti described Gandhiji as a humanist. His nationalism was not inconsistent with internationalism. He once wrote: "The concept of my patriotism is nothing, if it is not always consistent with the broadest good of humanity at large". "Sarvodaya" - his socio-economic policy was aimed at the Universal Brotherhood of man at large. He was a prophet of human unity. The meeting ended with Ramdhun music by Ashima De and others.

A 'Sit and Draw' gathering was arranged with the local children on 5th October. It was conducted by Mira Mukherjee and Suchanda Nag. Prizes and sweets were distributed on this occasion.

North Bantra: The meeting on 21-9-80 was presided by Sri Sachindra Nath Nag and commenced with offering flowers to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother followed by group meditation. Sri Susil Kr. Das, the Organiser proposed redecoration of the Centre's office. Sri Prakash Ch. Neogi, the Chairman presented report of activities and financial position of the Centre. Detailed financial position was presented by Sri B.N. Karak the Secretary. Sri Abhilash Mukherjee, Asst. Secretary requested the members for more enrolments. Some members pointed out that enrolments were limited because the Journal and Focus being in English, the Bengali reading public could not be induced to join. Sri Basudev Paul, Inviter, translated some pages from World Union journal of September 1980. He advised everyone to be sincere. The meeting ended with tea and biscuits and a vote of thanks.

Tirupattur: The long awaited guests Sri S. Krishnamurthy and Dr. Kamooben Patel visited the Centre on 18-8-80. Sri S. Krishnamurthy, the International Lecturer spoke on "The Art of Teaching-- Informative and Intuitive". Dr. Kamooben, the International Coordinator explained the type of education given to the children at Sri Aurobindo Ashram. The meeting was largely attended by a number of teachers. The teacher trainees from Mary

Immaculate Convent were our special invitees. A vote of thanks was expressed for Sri K.A.S. Ragunayakam the correspondent of Rama Krishna Higher Secondary School, who presided over the meeting.

19-8-80 was another day of memorable experience. Sri S. Krishnamurthy spoke on "Mind—Known and Unknown" at T.M.S. School. Sri T.G. Viswanathan of Theosophical Society presided over the function. Dr. Kamooben and Sri S. Krishnamurthy have inspired all the members of this Centre by offering very valuable suggestions for future development.

On 2-10-80 the members gathered to celebrate 'Gandhi Jayanthi'. They had a lively and useful discussion on the topic "Peace, Prosperity and Happiness". Sri D. Subramaniam, the Chairman of the Centre led the discussion. Sri M. Karthikeyan proposed a vote of thanks.

On 13-10-80 the Centre arranged a public meeting. Sri Rama Venkataraman, the District Educational Officer, Tirupattur delivered a very illuminating lecture on "Mindon". He emphasised the point that we should train our mind in such a way as to promote world unity and brotherhood. Sri G. Mahalingam, proposed a vote of thanks.

Uttarpara: The 8th Monthly Seminar was held on the 13th September 1980 when Sri Samar Basu presided. After devotional song and group concentration, the Chairman informed the members, of the Educational Conference to be held in New Delhi during 8th to 13th October 1980 under the auspices of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Delhi Branch. He also requested the members to attend the special Seminar which would be organised by World Union Chandernagore Centre at Chandernagore on 14-9-80, when the subject—"India Won Freedom, but the Goal is not Achieved", would be discussed. Thereafter he spoke at length on "The Highest Concept is World Community, Not Nationalism",—the subject selected for discussion on World Union Day.

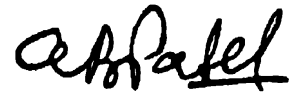
He clarified that the words of the subject were taken from a speech of Mahatma Gandhi. To the above words Gandhiji added, "I would not like to live in this world if it is not to be One World. Our object is One World. We have to work for it and the brotherhood of mankind". Then Sri Basu indicated what was 'Nationalism' and how the nation-idea would merge to a greater and superior idea—viz. the idea of world community, as explained by Sri Aurobindo in his various speeches and writings. He further explained how "Religion of Humanity" has been inspiring mankind to come nearer to each other and ultimately to grow and develop a world community by quoting relevant lines from Sri Aurobindo's "The Ideal of Human Unity".

(2) The 7th Annual General Meeting of Uttarpara Centre was held on 28-9-80 when Sri Samar Basu presided. Devotional song and group concentration were followed by agenda items including usual business items and reports. The post of Joint Secretaries which was vacant owing to resignations of Sri R. R. Agarwal and Basudev Samanta was filled up by electing Sri P.K. Banerjee as Secretary & Treasurer; and Km. Shampa Bhattacharya and Banani Dasgupta as Jt. Assistant Secretaries. Sri N.B. Nandy's suggestions for effective running of the Centre were considered.

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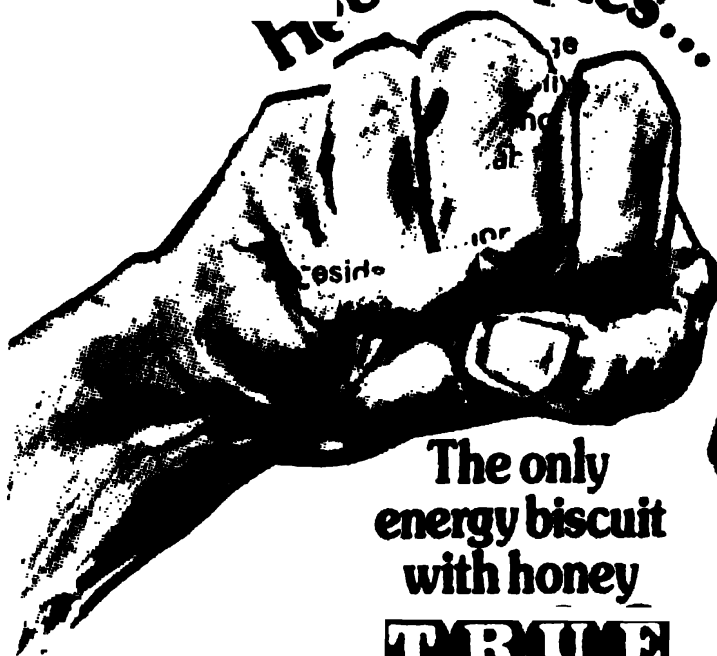
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October 20, 1980

WORK

Whatever the internal cause, people are interested in work. In a recent survey of 24,000 people who were studying new things, by far the most popular had to do with developing new skills in order to fill their jobs better or to find a better job to do. In human dynamics, work is a necessity. Of course we need an income; but the real therapeutic element in work is that it builds our self-esteem. It makes us feel useful. It removes a feeling of emptiness. Work can be a burden or a blessing, depending on how we look at it.

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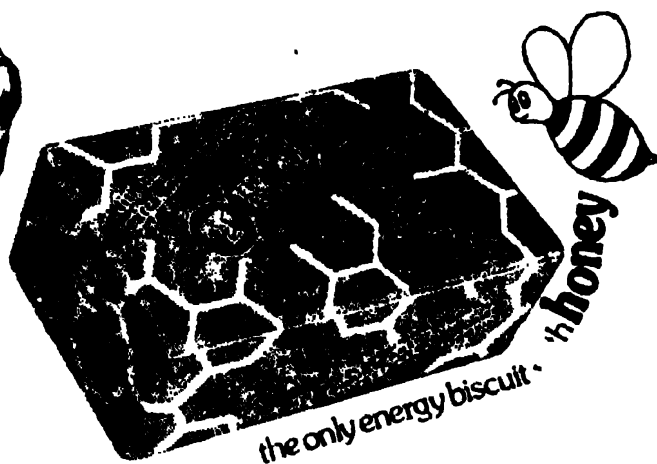
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CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATION OF EARTH

Realizing that Humanity today has come to a turning point in history and that we are on the threshold of a new world order which promises to usher in an era of peace, prosperity, justice and harmony;

Aware of the interdependence of people, nations and all life;

Aware that man's abuse of science and technology has brought Humanity to the brink of disaster through the production of horrendous weaponry of mass destruction and to the brink of ecological and social catastrophe;

Aware that the traditional concept of security through military defense is a total illusion both for the present and for the future;

Aware of the misery and conflicts caused by the ever increasing disparity between rich and poor;

Conscious of our obligation to posterity to save Humanity from imminent and total annihilation;

Conscious that Humanity is One despite the existence of diverse nations, creeds, ideologies and cultures and that the principle of unity in diversity is the basis for a new age when war shall be outlawed and peace prevail; when the earth's total resources shall be equitably used for human welfare; and when basic human rights and responsibilities shall be shared by all without discrimination;

Conscious of the inescapable reality that the greatest hope for the survival of life on earth is the establishment of a democratic world government;

We, citizens of the world, hereby resolve to establish a world federation to be governed in accordance with this Constitution for the Federation of the Earth.

**Preamble to the Constitution
for the Federation of Earth**

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

World Constitution and Parliament Association

The Convention of the World Constitution and Parliament Association will be held at New Delhi from February 21 to 24, 1981, either at the Constitution Club or International Centre. The meeting is open to all members of the World Constitution and Parliament Association. World Membership fee is: \$10.00, while local membership fee is \$3.00 or equivalent. The registration of delegates to the Convention will take place in the morning of February 21, 1981.

The Convention will open at 2:00 P.M. on February 21. Hon. Balram Jhaker, Speaker of the Lok Sabha, presiding. Ing. Reinhart Ruge, Co-President of WCPA, President of WCPA's Mexican Branch, civil engineer, and Sri A. B. Patel, Co-President of WCPA, Vice-President of WCPA's India Branch, General Secretary of World Union will make opening presentations on "The Task Ahead". Smt. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, will be approached and requested to inaugurate the Convention.

There will be discussion on "How To Achieve Our Objectives" by Hon. Gordan Bryant, former M.P. and Cabinet Minister, President of WCPA's Australian Branch; Hon. Syed Muhammad Husain, Judge of Supreme Court, President of WCPA's Bangladesh Branch, Puran Singh Azad, Editor "National Solidarity", Secretary WCPA's India Branch, Co-op. housing developer; Ahmed E. H. Jaffer, former M.P., Businessman, President of WCPA's Pakistan Branch; Dr. Prachoomsuk Achava-Amrung, President of International Association Educators for World Peace, President of WCPA's Thailand Branch; Dr. Terence P. Amerasinge Lawyer, President of WCPA's Sri Lanka Branch, President of Sri Lanka Branch of Universal Love and Brotherhood Association. Others may join in this discussion.

In the evening there will be a reception by the India Parliamentary Group for a World Constitution.

On February 22, Sunday, the Convention will meet at 9:30 A.M. and consider the Campaign for Ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, Sri Godey Murahari, former Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha and of Rajya Sabha, President of WCPA's India Branch presiding:

(1) Introductory report and discussion by Mr. Philip Isely, Secretary General WCPA.

(2) Parliamentary Campaign: Reports from those countries where parliamentary bills or resolutions have been introduced or are being prepared for provisional ratification. Model Parliamentary Bill or resolution for preliminary or provisional ratification—discussion and adoption.

(3) University Campaign: Report by Samar Basu, Co-Chairman of WCPA's Ratification Campaign and Secretary of West Bengal Branch of WCPA.

Possibilities for extending the Campaign.

(4) Community Campaign: Reports from communities where action has gone forward. Model resolution for ratification by communities. Possibilities for extending the Campaign e. g. via mundialized Towns.

The Convention will meet again at 2:00 P.M. and consider some next steps in the Ratification Campaign.

(1) Expansion of the Campaign in Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Europe, North America, Latin America, Island countries. (2) Travel by well qualified persons to various countries to obtain action by parliaments, communities, universities. This proposal will be introduced by Reinhart Ruge. (3) General endorsement of the Ratification Campaign by prominent persons, Noble Laureates, judges of Supreme Courts, scientists, etc. (4) Mass circulation of petitions in support of Ratification by National Parliaments, to be introduced by D.H. Balachandra, Lawyer, Jt. Secretary of WCPA's Sri Lanka Branch. (5) Ratification by popular referendum. (6) Other ways to strengthen the Ratification Campaign. (7) The Ratification Campaign in relation to future amendments to the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. When should a session of the World Constituent Assembly be convened to consider amendments?

In the evening consideration will be given to "What Can People Do If National Governments Are Slow To Accept A World Constitution?" There will be general discussion opened by several panel members.

February 23 - 9:30 A.M.: The subject for consideration will be the Provisional World Parliament: (1) Location: Comparison of several selected locations and decision. (2) Time: Duration of the Provisional Parliament, specific dates and decision. (3) What can the Provisional World Parliament actually accomplish? More than fourteen proposals for debate and action by the Parliament will be introduced by Philip Isely, S.M. Husain and others.

At 2:30 P.M. on February 23 the discussion on Provisional World Parliament will be continued and the subjects for consideration will be Credentials for delegates; Volunteer participants and observers; Facilities required for parliament such as meeting places, translation services, printing services, etc., Housing and meals for delegates; Budget and financing to be introduced by N. S. Rao and Terence P. Amerasinghe, others; Preparatory Commissions for the Provisional World Parliament and their creation; Steering Committee for the Parliament; Consultants to the Parliament; Bibliography on world problems for use by delegates and others, Rules of procedure for the Parliament; Collaboration by other organizations.

In the evening it is intended to hold a Press conference on the Provisional World Parliament.

February 24—9:30 A.M.: Convention will meet at 9:30 A.M. and decide formal issuance of the Call to the Provisional World Parliament. At 10:00 A.M. organization and functioning of World Constitution and Parliament Association will receive attention: (1) Reports on the world-wide organization of WCPA by Reinhart Ruge and Philip Isely. (2) Reports from National Branches. (3) Budget and fund raising. (4) Publications: Across Frontiers, Regional editions, Hand book for the Provisional World Parliament, Brochures, etc. Translations in various languages. (5) Advertising and publicity. (6) Staff. (7) Amendments to the Bye-laws.

At 2:00 P.M. Organization of WCPA will be continued.

(8) Election of Trustees of WCPA. (9) Election of Officers of WCPA. (10) The Commissions of WCPA.

At 4:00 P.M. the Executive Cabinet of the World Constitution and Parliament Association will meet.

Seminar on "World Government and Its Constitution"

A Seminar will be held on "World Government and Its Constitution" on the 7th December 1980 at the Students Hall, College Square, Calcutta, under the Presidentship of Sri Amiya Kumar Mazumder, when the Chief Guest will be Sri Nirmal Sen Gupta of All-India Radio, Calcutta and the participants will be: (i) Dr. Shobhanlal Mukherjee, (ii) Dr. Shyamal Kumar Roy and (iii) Dr. B.N. Goswami. The theme of the Seminar will be:

First Stage: It has to be examined whether the socio-economic, socio-politic, ecological, environmental and other threatening conditions of the present day world need a World Authority to establish and maintain a "New World Order" for the sure and radical solution of all sorts of global problems that have engrossed mankind; side by side it has also to be assessed whether the U.N.O. and its specialised agencies have the capacity of solving those problems. If not, whether the same can be done by amending the U.N. Charter, instead of constituting another world organisation. The helplessness of the U.N.O.'s position has to be very clearly and convincingly explained.

Second Stage: When it is realised that there is no other alternative than to form a World Government to save this Planet Earth from utter destruction and make it a happy and peaceful abode of mankind, it has to be examined how that government is to be formed and whether any such attempt has been made by any nation or organisation. To appraise the activities of different Non-governmental International Organisation, during the last three decades. To form a World Government the first necessity is a World Constitution and the same has to be drafted and adopted by a World Constituent Assembly. Has it been done? How and by whom?

Third Stage: Now, the peoples of the Earth have "A Constitution for the Federation of Earth" duly drafted and adopted by a World Constituent Assembly in June 1977. Before one goes deep into it, one must be sure that the formation of the World Constituent Assembly was in order. Who are eligible for becoming members of such Assembly? Only the representatives of the Nation States? Can not the peoples' will form it? The scope and applicability of traditional and conventional laws in the fast changing world. Why the noble endeavour of Shri H.V. Kamath, a veteran parliamentarian of our country, in moving a private member's bill for amending the art. 51 of the Constitution of India could not be passed?

What is National Sovereignty? Can't a part of it be surrendered for the sake of humanity? Are the provisions of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth helpful and sufficient to stop the arm-race and grow happy and cordial relation among nations. Appraisal of the constitution.

Fourth Stage: Questions and Answers.

Fifth Stage: The consensus of the Seminar by summing up the learned discussions is to be drawn out by the President with his erudite comments for placement before the house for its consideration and approval.

Sixth Stage: If the house approves then the Constitution be ratified by the President and his colleagues in the Seminar and other interested listeners.

Forum For World Peace

Dr. D.D. Jadeja, Principal of Nalini Arvind and T.V. Patel Arts College and Secretary of the Forum for World Peace in Vallabh Vidyanagar, reports that under the auspices of the Forum for World Peace Shri Jayantilal Acharya was invited to speak on "Rabindranath Tagore as a Visionary" on Thursday, 16 October 1980. Dr. Jadeja welcomed the audience and introduced the guest speaker as a keen student of mystic literature, polyglot and scholar, one of the living few who studied under the late Acharya Kshitimohan Sen when Rabindranath Tagore, the creator of the abode of peace (Shantiniketan) was the Chancellor. Talking about Tagore Dr. Jadeja said that his manifold services to the aesthetic life of our nation and to better understanding among nations are known all over the world.

Sri Jayantilal Acharya opened his talk with salutations to his teachers—Tagore, Acharya Kshitimohan Sen and Karunashanker Bhatt. "A poet and a composer Tagore was a visionary of a fairer future and an integral humanity. Shantiniketan is the realization of his dream of One World where peoples of different nationalities and cultures live together as if in a nest". Sri Acharya observed talking about Tagore's feeling of Oneness with God, he said that the seer did not belong to any religious sect. He felt himself into everything created by Him—changing seasons, blooming flowers, running brooks, frolicking children and suffering humanity. That is why the words used by him are not mere words, they represent most faithfully his innermost feelings and experiences.

With Smt. Jayanti Ray's excellent rendering of Tagore songs the meeting came to a close. On behalf of the Sardar Patel University and the Forum for World Peace Prof. Sudhir Mukherjee proposed a hearty vote of thanks.

Under the joint auspices of the Forum for World Peace, Sardar Patel University and Sri Aurobindo Society of Vallabh Vidyanagar, Sri Chhote Narayan Sharma was invited to speak on Yoga in practical life. He opened his talk saying that despite tremendous scientific advancement and technological excellence, human life is bereft of peace. The situation is of man's own making. He has flown high into the sky and delved deep into the unfathomable sea without having tried to look within. Life is, therefore, a riddle, an enigma to him.

Man's claim to have discovered truth is an illusion, for he has mistaken his conquest of the physical world for truth. His so called quest for peace and permanence has been in the nature of paying lip service, he added.

Quoting extensively from the Bhagavad Gita Sri Sharma said that in order to get at the

true meaning and purpose of life man needs to be reborn with a child's soul endowed with an indomitable spirit of adventure and hope.

Concluding his talk on a note of optimism Sri Sharma held that peacelessness and rumblings of war were but a passing phase of life. Peace and goodwill will ultimately descend like the emergence of Bhagavad Gita on the battle field, and an appearance of Sri Aurobindo, the apostle of peace and perfection during the world wars. Let everyone think and feel that he belongs to the Almighty and act like his instrument. One who leads such a life is a Yogi irrespective of what he does.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres

National Centre-India: Under the joint auspices of World Union National Centre-India and Bangalore Centre, a 'Get Together' lunch meeting was held on Sunday, 2 November 1980 at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, Bangalore. A large number of World Union members and their spouses from World Union Centres of Bangalore, Sondekoppa, Shantinagar, Rajajinagar and from Anekal and Bowrigpet participated in the function. Sri K. S. Sridharan, Convenor of the Convention welcomed the participants. Messages wishing the function success received from Justice Sri Iqbal Hussain, Prof. N S. Govinda Rao, Sri Natwarlal K. Shah, Sri C.K.M. Panikar and Sri C. Annaiah were read by Sri H.S. Narayana Setty, Treasurer. Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row, spoke about the World Union Movement. Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, President, World Union Bangalore Centre, gave detailed information about the proposed Third National Convention to be held at Bangalore on the 7th, 8th and 9th June 1981. Sri Thandaveswara and Sri P. V. Rajagopal addressed the members on the World Union Movement, its ideals, functioning and future programme. Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao, President National Centre, in conclusion spoke about the task ahead of the National Centre and the efforts to make the Convention a grand success. A number of participants spoke giving very useful suggestions about the working of World Union Centres and about the Convention. Many members enrolled themselves as Reception Committee Members. The lunch that followed was an event of delightful fellowship.

Bangalore: 5-10-80: Smt. Rukmini Krishnamurthy addressed the members at N.M.K.R.V. First Grade Womens' College on the subject "Power of the Mind". She traced in detail the modern researches being undertaken throughout the world to unravel the mysteries of the structure and function of the brain. If man can utilise in full the faculties of the brain, his achievements will have no limits. Prof. C. Ananthachar, who presided, spoke extensively quoting from scriptures to illustrate the 'Power of the Mind'. Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana proposed a vote of thanks.

27-10-80 Members of Bangalore Centre and National Centre played host to the

members of World Union Bengal Centres at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, Bangalore. Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao welcomed Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya of Calcutta, Sri Kalipada Bose of Boral, Radha Goswami of Sodepur, Parimal Chakravarthi of Calcutta, Sri N A. Pandya of Vallabh Vidyanagar (Gujarat) and Sri Gopal Bhaunik of Calcutta. He expressed his gratitude to the guests for having accepted the invitation of the Bangalore Centre. A cordial exchange of views about the activities and programmes of World Union Centres in India and the conduct of the proposed Convention at Bangalore was very fruitful. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, speaking on behalf of the guests, thanked the members of Bangalore Centre for their hospitality and spoke appreciatively about the programme of work of National and Bangalore Centres. He expressed his happiness on the theme and programme of the Third National Convention to be held at Bangalore during June 7, 8 and 9, 1981 and offered his wholehearted cooperation in enrolling National Reception Committee Members and securing advertisements to the Souvenir. He expected that about one hundred delegates from Bengal would be attending the Convention. Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana thanked the guests.

29-10-80 Sri Chunilal Goswami, Advocate of Calcutta and World Union member addressed the members of Bangalore Centre at the Gokhale Institute on "World Government, Its Possibility and Role of World Union". Quoting extensively from the works of Sri Aurobindo and sayings of the Mother, he said that the age old concept of Truth and Oneness will ultimately win the hearts and minds of men everywhere in the world and World Government will be a reality. His wife Soobha Goswami rendered delightful devotional music. Her mother also participated. Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana thanked Sri C.L. Goswami for his scholarly lecture and Smt. Soobha Goswami for her delightful music and extended invitation to him and his family for the Third National Convention.

Regional Centre, West Bengal: To observe World Union Day 1980 a whole day Get Together was arranged by the members of this Regional Centre on 24th August 1980 at Chakraberia High School, Calcutta 700025 (Arya Vidya Mandir Hall) when all World Union Centres of West Bengal, all Sri Aurobindo Organisations and Friends of different social status were invited. Host Centres were Chakraberia High School and Calcutta and the whole programming and conduction was done by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee on behalf of West Bengal Regional Centre.

The day's programme started with hoisting of Mother's Flag by the Chairman of Chakraberia Centre. After chanting of Sanskrit Mantra by Mrs. Hariharam and devotional music by Sri Robi Ghosh, silence was observed with prayer for World Peace along with Ashram music. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee in his inaugural speech narrated briefly the significance of World Union Day. The subject "The Highest Concept is World Community—Not Nationalism" was discussed by eleven students in a debate form to encourage their free expression. Sri Aurobindo's book "Bases of Yoga" donated by North Calcutta Centre, was given to all participants. Appreciating the purpose of the gathering and recalling the sweet memory of the Mother while in Pondicherry on his tour with Mohun Bagan Club, Sri Samar Banerjee (Badru), the footballer, distributed the books to the students.

Eminent speakers, Prof. Subodh Maitra of Sri Aurobindo Action, Sri Harendra Nath

Mazumdar of Sri Aurobindo Society, Dr. Amalendu Basu—Head of English Department (Rtd.), Calcutta University and Sri Samar Basu also spoke on the subject. From their speeches participating students got a good idea on Nationalism, Socialism, Marxism, League of Nations, U.N.O., History of Human Civilization, Effect of Superiority Complex, Internationalism, Unfolding of Consciousness, Religion of Humanity and World Community. The whole day's programme had started at 9:30 A.M. and ended at 5:00 P.M. Sri Kalyan Roy, Smt. Supti Sen and Smt. Sampa Ghosh offered devotional songs. Sri T.K. Sinha proposed a vote of thanks.

Note: With reference to the report of West Bengal Regional Centre published in the September 1980—9/80—Focus the following should be added: Sri Susanto Mitra, the Chairman of the North Calcutta Centre was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman to fill the vacant post. Sri Gour Mohan Chatterjee, the Asst. Secretary & Treasurer of North Calcutta Centre was elected Asst. Secretary.

Baranagar: In the monthly meeting on the usual first Sunday morning on 2 November 1980 at the Centre's Office, held under the Chairmanship of Smt. Juiphul Roy,—the Adviser of the Centre, Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya reported his experience of All Indian Languages Literary Conference held at Bangalore from 25-28 October, where he attended the Conference with three other members of Baranagar Centre: Sri Parimal Chakraborty, Sri Kalipada Bose and Smt. Sima Mitra, and also two members of Sodepur Centre Sri Radhu Goswami and Sri Mihir Day. Sri Bhattacharya also narrated the discussion held with this team and the executives of World Union National-Centre in its headquarters at Bangalore on 28 October evening regarding the Third National Convention scheduled on 7, 8 and 9 June 1981.

This monthly meeting of November urged the members to attend the talk of Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya on 'Vaisnavism in the light of Sri Aurobindo' arranged by Sri Aurobindo Pathamandir, Calcutta on 12 November evening and to send a delegation on 16 November to the Viswa Paribar Farm Yard organised by "Viswa Sanskriti Mission" of 17/19 R.G. Kar Road, Calcutta 700004. This delegation consisted of Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Smt. Juiphul Roy and Sri Jiban Kumar Roy to explore the possibilities of a residential academic cum work education Centre. Smt. Tarit Roy, executive head of Viswa Sanskriti Mission led them to the Viswa Paribar Farm Yard of Village Baliguri on 16 November. A plantation ceremony was also performed there on that day.

Bon-Hooghly: The Annual General Meeting was held on 18-10-80 at 3:30 P.M. at the residence of Dr. B. Bhattacharya in the presence of invitees Sri N.C. Ray, Sri R.N. Bhattacharya and Sri Keshab Ghatak. Dr. B. Bhattacharya conducted the meeting. The Secretary submitted the annual report and accounts for the year. A Committee was constituted by the members present for the next year with—Sri Kalidas Karmakar—Chairman, Smt. Krishna Bhattacharya—Secretary and Sri Dulal Chandra Paul—Treasurer.

Sri Ashok Roy Chowdhury proposed to hold one day's local conference in the month of December 1980. He talked on the Movement of World Union and its style and shape on

the divinity-concept of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Moreover, in his talk he added that the World Union Movement should be widely ventilated to all spheres of people through Radio, Newspaper, Conference, Drama, Discussion etc. Thereafter Sri N.C. Ray talked on Savitri and discussed the way of divine activities in daily life. The meeting ended at 6:30 P.M. with thanks to the Chair.

Hyderabad: On 27-10-80 the Centre reshuffled its Office-bearers. Dr. P.N. Bindu has been re-elected as President. Mr. Lakshman Rao Kerchalker as Vice-President, Mr. Kasinath, Advocate as Hon. Secretary and Organizer of Centres in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad. Now that the YMCA has kindly offered to the Centre the use of their hall free of charges, the members were very thankful to the General Secretary of YMCA Mr. J. Egbert Samraj, who is much impressed by the lofty idealism and objects of World Union.

In the evening at 6:00 P.M. all members participated in the U.N.O. Day Celebration which was in continuation from 24th October U.N. Day. The President of Y-man's Hyderabad Club, Mr. M.A. Sampathkumaran started with prayer when all remained standing. After introduction of the U.N.O. by another gentleman other speeches continued. Mr. Kasinath, the Hon. Secretary also spoke and explained how World Peace and Human Brotherhood were essential factors for human progress and prosperity on earth for all people.

Mahishadal: 15-8-80: This Centre observed 108th Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo and 33rd independence day of India. Some Brahma Sangeet and Patriotic songs were sung by Mamita Boyal and Surja Jana. The message of Sri Aurobindo of the 15th August 1947 and "Durga-Stotra" or "Hymn of Durga" were read out. After that the Chairman Sri Ranjit Boyal delivered a short speech about Sri Aurobindo's life and the wall magazine "Biswa-Bhavan" was inaugurated by an independence fighter Sri Jatindranath Bhumir.

At the Bhavan campus the National Flag was hoisted by Sri Ranjit Boyal with "Bande-Mataram" slogan. Prasad was distributed. The Centre also arranged a meditation from 10:00 to 10:30 A.M.

20-8-80: The World Union Day was observed commencing with five minutes silence. Sri Boyal gave a short speech about this day. Extracts from writings of Sri Ramakrishna, Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo, the Mother and Rabindranath Tagore were read out. At the end one extract from "Aim and work of World Union" written by A.B. Patel was read out.

30-8-80: A big meeting was arranged at Prajnanananda Bhavan in collaboration with Prajnanananda Smriti Raksha Samiti and Tamluk World Union Centre. The main theme for discussion was "Human Unity and the Sadhana of Sri Ramakrishna—Sri Sri Maa—Swami Vivekananda—Sri Aurobindo and the Mother." Two guest speakers were: Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee and Prof. Tirthanath Sarkar. Rabindra-Sangeet was followed by musical programme with appropriate reading "Smaranika"—by the members of Tamluk and Mahishadal World Union Centres. The theme discussed by Prof. Tirthanath Sarkar was mainly the Sadhana of those great men and he showed the link between their Sadhana with Human Unity which is our ideal and aim. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed at length the necessity

of World Union Movement at present and nicely covered modern world problems. With a vote of thanks proposed by the Secretary to the Speakers, singers and to the audience the meeting ended.

Mysore: At the monthly meeting held on 30-9-80, with Sri B.V. Balasubrahmanyam in the Chair, the following Office-bearers were elected for the year 1980-81: Sri B. V. Balasubrahmanyam—Chairman; Sri S. R. Subba Rao—Vice-Chairman and Sri M. S. Vijaya Shankar—Secretary & Treasurer.

The monthly meeting was held on 13-10-80 under the Presidentship of Sri B.V. Balasubrahmanyam, Chairman. Sri M.K. Rameswaram, Coordinator, spoke enlightening the members about the Third National Convention to be held in Bangalore during June 1981 and requested them to enrol themselves as Reception Committee Members.

Uttarpara: The 86th monthly Seminar was held on Saturday the 11th October 1980 at Amarendra Vidyapith at 5:30 P.M. when Sri Samar Basu presided. After devotional song and group concentration Sri N.B. Nandy, a Vice-Chairman of the Centre opened the discussion on 'India won Freedom but the goal is not achieved'. He emphasised that a transfer of power was made and we got political freedom but not the total emancipation for which the revolutionists fought hard. He further elucidated his statement by referring to the five dreams of Sri Aurobindo as explained in his message of 15th August 1947. He also pointed out that free India was to work for the emancipation of humanity at large.

Then Sri S.K. Gupta spoke at length on the role of Gandhiji and other leaders in the freedom movement and pointed out that the first task of Free India was to build up a nation. India tried to make progress to become a developed country like the West and here she had made a great blunder, because her progress would have to be based on her own life and culture. Spirituality is the eternal force of India and without it India will not be able to achieve her goal. Sri Samar Basu then summed up the discussion and concluded his statement by quoting a few very important and significant utterances of Sri Aurobindo from 'Bande Mataram', 'The Karmayogin' and 'The Evening Talks'. The Seminar ended at about 7:30 P.M.

The 87th monthly meeting was a celebration of 'Vijaya Sammilan' held on the 1st November 1980. Sri Samar Basu presided. Sri Tamas Ranjan Roy, an eminent educationist and an honorary member of this Centre spoke on 'Shakti Sadhana' and Prof. Buddhadev Chakraborty gave a very interesting and informative talk on 'Why this Victory Ceremony'. Sri Sanat Bodok read out Sri Aurobindo's Durga Stotra (Hymns to Goddess Durga) with his self composed songs and Sri Debaprasad Mukherjee offered devotional songs.

In his learned speech Sri Tamas Ranjan Roy elucidated the pre-historic mythological and Vedic interpretation of conscious force which was termed as 'Shakti' in Tantra, the source of all creation known as Creatrix Mother. He quoted from the Vedas and the Tantras as also from the Gita. Prof. Chakraborty explained how the victory of Rama and Lakshmana over Ravana is being celebrated in many parts of India on 'Vijaya Dashmi' just after Puja festival. Sweets were distributed after interchange of Vijaya Greetings.

Delhi: World Union Delhi Centre has participated in a variety of activities from 2 to

15 November 1980. Sri J.N. Puri reports that the members of the Centre participated in the Nehru Memorial Functions on the 2nd and 15th November 1980 organised by the Delhi Housewives Association. The programme included on the spot painting, elocution contest, fancy dress show by the children and brides of India. The functions were attended by Lt. Governor of Delhi, Home Minister Shri Zail Singh and Smt. Kumud Joshi and a number of other dignitaries. Jawaharlal Nehru's role as Peace Maker and Man of Unity was appreciated by all.

World Union members attended the International Seminar on Teachings of Maharshi Raman and his Centenary Celebrations on 8-9 November 1980. In this Seminar a number of scholars from India and abroad participated. It was inaugurated by Swami Ranganathan of Ramakrishna Mission who has a world fame.

World Union members of New Delhi Centre joined the discussions held at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan on 9-11-80 on the New India Movement. Plans have been formulated for holding National Convention of the New India Movement with all India participation on 11 and 12 April 1981 at New Delhi. Sub-Committees have been formed and the Hospitality Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Chhedi Lal. Dr. Karan Singh was present in the meeting and took lively interest in the New India Movement. Steps will be taken to hold the next meeting of the Sub-Committees on 19-11-80 to clearly sort out the objectives of the Movement and formulate the first handout for circulation all over the country to further this cause.

On 11-11-80 World Union members attended Centenary Celebrations of Sadhu Vaswani held at Vigyan Bhavan. The function was largely attended by the judges of the High Court and the Supreme Court and also by Sri Sathe.

On 12-11-80 World Union members attended the birthday celebration of Bahauulla at Bahai's House. It was Inaugurated by Justice Krishna Iyer; Mrs. Sorabji spoke on the occasion. Both the speakers spoke on Human Unity and said how Bahais stood for Commonwealth of Man. Human unity at this critical juncture of the world was very much emphasised by both the speakers.

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Correction: In the October 1980 - 10/80 Focus under Nev: Life Members—against No. 396 please read: Mr. Kasinath, M.A., LL.B., Advocate, B-7-F16, L.I.G. Quarters, Mukram Jahi Road, Hyderabad (AP), instead of Sri V.P. Raghavachari.

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General Secretary
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WILL THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PARLIAMENT OF THE UNION OF INDIA ACT FOR INDIA AND THE WORLD?

In view of the ever worsening world situation and the dangerous threat of nuclear war and other global crises portending the doom of world civilization and life on planet earth, the government and the parliament of the Union of India ought to remind themselves of the statement of the first Prime Minister of free India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru: "I have no doubt in my mind that world federation must and will come, for there is no other remedy for the world sickness"; and recognise the urgent need for the establishment of a democratic federal world government in order to achieve permanent world peace, to serve human welfare and to take humanity in an orderly way to the next higher evolutionary step. The Government of India ought to give a lead to the nations of the world for the formation of a democratic federal world government, in which no nation will remain subordinate to any other nation, and for according provisional ratification to the Constitution for the Federation of Earth now being circulated world-wide consideration.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

World Constitution and Parliament Association Convention:

We have received from Shri Puran Singh Azad, the General Secretary of the WCPA (India Committee), the minutes of the meeting held at New Delhi on the 5th November 1980.

It was published in the December 1980 Focus that the next Convention of WCPA will be held in New Delhi from 21 to 24 February 1981 under the Presidentship of Shri Balram Jakher, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, and which Convention the Prime Minister of India, Smt. Indira Gandhi, is expected to inaugurate, though final confirmation by her is still awaited. The Agenda of the Convention was also published.

The New Delhi meeting decided that the Convention be held preferably at Vigyan Bhavan as the Prime Minister is expected to inaugurate it; but if for any reason it was not possible to obtain the reservation of the Vigyan Bhavan, it will be held at the Constitution Club Mavalankar Hall or Parliament Annexe Auditorium. The meeting also decided that the

registration fee of Rs. 100.00 per head would be charged to Indian delegates and \$.25.00 to overseas delegates. It was also decided to have a Reception Committee for which the minimum contribution of Rs. 500.00 will be made by its member, but in case of MPs and MLAs the contribution will be Rs. 50.00 only to become a Reception Committee member. Bank account will be opened to be operated jointly by the President and General Secretary and Treasurer. Decision was taken to constitute Committees: for Souvenir, for Hospitality, Social Function and Accommodation, for raising Finance, for Transport, for Registration of Delegates, for Documentation and for Mottos, Banners and Posters.

The Inter-University Seminar on "World Government and Its Constitution" at Calcutta:

The members of the WCPA, Local Chapter, West Bengal, conducted a very thought-provoking and significant Seminar on "World Government and its Constitution" on Sunday, the 7th December 1980, at Students' Hall, College Square, Calcutta. Sri Amiya Kumar Majumder presided and Sri Nirmal Sengupta of All-India Radio, Calcutta, was the Guest-in-Chief. Among the participants were Dr. Sobhanlal Mukherjee of Rabindra Bharati University, Dr. B N. Goswami and Dr. Shyamal Roy of Burdwan University and Prof. Ashok Mustafi of Barasat Government college. During the discussion the participants dealt with the most critical and serious problem of the present day world as a result of the stock-piling of various kinds of nuclear weapons, capable of annihilating humanity from the planet earth. They also indicated emphatically that there was only one 'Escape-Route'—the formation of a world federal government for providing and maintaining a New World Order. They discussed at some length the role played by different non-governmental organisation, especially by the WCPA during the last two decades in drafting and adopting "A Constitution for the Federation of Earth". The participants estimated critically a few salient features of the Constitution. A few questions were asked and Dr. Sobhanlal Mukherjee dealt with them. The Guest-in-Chief, Sri Nirmal Sengupta, briefly appraised of the proceeding explaining and elucidating a few more points.

Sri Amiya Kumar Majumder summed up, in his concluding address, the discussion and appreciated the endeavour of the WCPA in performing a great task of preparing such an all pervading and need-based Constitution for the first time in the political history of the world to save our posterity from total annihilation. He recommended that the Constitution be provisionally ratified by National Parliaments, including India's Parliament, and the provisions be put into effect stage by stage as so wisely and meaningfully provided in the Constitution. The Seminar was attended by Professors of different colleges and eminent personalities of the metropolis who solemnly endorsed the deliberations by ratifying the Constitution in writing.

Sri Samar Basu had read out the message received from Sri A.B. Patel before he delivered his introductory speech. Sri T.K. Sinha welcomed the President, the Chief Guest, the distinguished Professors, who took part in the Seminar and all members and interested persons who attended it. A vote of thanks was proposed by Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya.

Third National Convention of World Union Centres in India

As has been published in the November Focus, this Convention will be held at Bangalore on the 7th, 8th and 9th June 1981. Readers are advised to peruse the November 1980 Focus for details concerning the fees to be paid as Patrons, Donors and Reception Committee members and for charges of advertisements to be published in the Souvenir Volume in the October 1980 Focus.

The last date for registration as Reception Committee members or delegates is the 15th of March 1981. All concerned are requested to register themselves as early as possible by sending a bank draft or cheque in favour of "THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION OF INDIA—WORLD UNION NATIONAL CENTRE-INDIA". For any information needed by anybody regarding the Convention, please write to Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana, Secretary, World Union National Centre-India, 197, 7th Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560011.

An Open Letter to the President of USA and to the Premier of USSR:

Dear World Leaders:

As the leaders of the two most powerful countries of the world, your responsibility for maintaining world peace and for securing a safe future of the human race is very great. We are writing this with deepest concern for the people of the world and the planet earth itself. Your two nations were founded on principles of creating social and economic justice for all people. Today, your two nations are locked in conflict because of differences in how to achieve similar goals. Both are re-escalating the nuclear arms race, and are off again on the path of confrontation. Therefore the threat of nuclear holocaust hangs above all the people of the world.

We want to establish right human relations and a spirit of goodwill among all nations and all people. We realise that the pressures you face in your daily decisions are formidable.

Today, the world is experiencing an unprecedented renaissance in science and creative thought in all fields. For the first time in history, the world has the skills, tools and wisdom to begin to solve global problems. For the first time, you have the potential to explore together the frontiers of earth and space for the common good of humanity.

Two decades ago, your two countries set an impossible goal: to put people in space and on the moon. In less than a decade, you succeeded. We believe that your two countries can reach a great goal: You can end the threat of nuclear war within a few years and reach a conclusive world peace if you so strive.

We believe that the race of your two countries for strategic superiority can only weaken the national security your two countries now pursue. It can only increase the fears and risks of disaster. We believe that any nuclear conflict, however limited, will destroy the hope of all humanity and devastate the environment that supports the people of the world.

We are convinced that you, as world leaders, can achieve this goal, if you endeavour for it and have the strong support of the citizens of your respective country and all the peoples of the world. Humanity would wish that you make a new choice to act for peace

which the present political system and situation do not seem to permit you. You can pursue global security if you so choose.

People of the world will be happy if you earnestly and sincerely work for peace and they will support willingly in your quest for true peace. We ask you to act on the initiatives which can help create a climate of cooperation and trust. You can for the purpose (i) affirm a commitment never to launch a first-strike nuclear attack; (ii) state your nation's intention to achieve safety from the threat of nuclear war as early as possible and work for conclusive world peace; (iii) affirm a six-month moratorium on testing, development and deployment of all nuclear weapons and systems. Extend this indefinitely if reciprocated; (iv) establish large exchange programmes in science, education, culture and other fields between the USA and USSR.

We are aware that such paths may be risky for you, but you owe a duty to humanity to do this. We hope that you will have the courage to take positive and decisive action. The risks you will undertake are less than those of pursuing the path of nuclear armament.

Paper presented by the New India Movement, New Delhi:

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Mankind today is at a crucial crossroads in its long and tortuous evolution on this planet. Science and technology have given it tremendous power which, if used wisely, can eliminate poverty, illiteracy, malnutrition and unemployment by the end of this century. If used unwisely, the same power can destroy the entire human race and most other forms of life on earth. The gap between wisdom and knowledge continues to grow, leading mankind to a dangerous precipice over which it may plunge at any moment. The old is dying and the new is struggling to be born. There is a tremendous quest for new certitudes, a new spiritual impetus which would light a new path for humanity. And India, which for millennia has kept alive the torch of spiritual faith and given birth to several of the world's great religions, is the country which would perhaps give a new lead at this critical juncture.

2. But what is the position in India itself? An all pervading feeling of discontent and despair stands out as the central fact of the current situation. This has been caused by the fact that moral and spiritual values in the lives of our people are rapidly disintegrating, not only undermining the structural unity of India, but weakening the inner vitality that has kept Indian civilisation alive despite centuries of social and political degradation. The crisis of morality has dangerously strengthened the exploitative nature of economic relationships, resulting in gross social injustice and growing corruption in all walks of life. Despite a measure of economic development, which itself has been largely diluted by the population explosion, there has been a steady degeneration in many aspects of public life, specially the qualitative aspect. Indeed this has now reached a point where the nation must either enter a new spiritual and moral renaissance, or risk serious moral and political erosion.

3. Political action and political institutions have failed to cope with this crisis and indeed to expect a political solution of this fundamental problem is unrealistic. What is required to check the worsening crisis and restore the faith of our people in their nation and

themselves is a movement of cultural renaissance for developing a climate of mutual help and self-reliance, and strengthening the character of the people. What is needed, in fact, is nothing less than a new society and a new man, which together can constitute a new India. The New India Movement is directed towards an integral transformation of the Indian personality, a spiritual liberation movement as comprehensive and multi-faceted as the great movement that led to our political liberation from foreign rule. This task enjoins upon every one of the responsibility of adopting way of life which effectively expresses the fundamental values enshrined in the cultural heritage of India.

4. A clarion call at this hour is urgently needed for the consolidation of the positive, creative and constructive forces in the country working individually or organisationally in the spiritual, educational, cultural, social and economic fields. The intention is not a physical tying together in a mechanical frame but an organic relationship between them so that together they can undertake the tremendous task that lies ahead. A considerable amount of work is being done at present, but it is disjointed and lacks any clear focus or orchestration.

5. With this approach we can strive towards an integral transformation of society in consonance with the needs of the present age. In the process we must, as in the past, welcome the assimilation of healthy and valuable elements in the thought or experience of other civilisations which are in harmony with the basic quality of our own culture. A National Convention for Spiritual and Moral Values in a New India would be the first concrete step in this direction. It has been decided to hold this on the 11,12 and 13 April, 1981 at India International Centre, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi. A broad spectrum of institutional and individual delegates are being invited to attend the Convention.

B. AIMS AND OBJECTS

1. To foster spiritual, moral and social regeneration in the individual leading to a new society rooted in India's cultural heritage which will minister adequately to the material, moral and spiritual needs of India; rid the country of every form of exploitation and injustice, narrow down economic and social disparities to the extent possible and ensure optimum utilisation of the human material resources of the nation.

2. To promote healthy nationalism that will sustain and strengthen the unity of India, and to harmonise the culturally, religiously, linguistically and ethnically diverse people of this nation on the basis of their shared heritage and aspirations.

3. To synchronize and co-ordinate cultural forces and institutions in India in order to create a dynamic front of positive values and to work for the broader unity and welfare of the human race.

C. PROGRAMMES

1. To identify individual and institutions who subscribe to the aims and objects of the Society, and to promote co-operation and co-ordination between them.

2. To seek cooperation with international organisations and institutions working for the betterment of mankind and to encourage national and international cooperation and institutional mobility through exchange programmes of various types.

3. To promote studies, research, publications, symposia, debates and conventions in order to strengthen the climate of moral and spiritual regeneration that is necessary for India's survival.

4. To organise training programmes, specially in the educational field and to help in designing a curriculum for moral and spiritual education and working out a methodology for effectively disseminating this curriculum.

5. To utilize and influence the mass to the extent possible towards developing a positive value system in the nation, and in this content to utilize television, radio, and the press to the maximum extent possible.

6. To recreate the spirit of social reforms in all religious communities and in particular to mobilize public opinion against such negative aspects as obscenity and violence in films, the dowry system, alcoholism and other social evils.

D. ORGANIZATION

1. The New India Movement will have both Institutional and Individual membership. The Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan has kindly offered us their widespread organisational base as the platform from which this new movement can be launched.

2. There will be a General Body consisting of those chosen at the National Convention to represent the various institutions who attend and also individuals. Two thirds of the membership of the General body will be institutional and one-third individual.

3. There will be an eleven member central Executive committee with its headquarters at Delhi, and eleven member committees in each state. These will be chosen by the General Body.

4. There will be the following office bearers:-

- i) National Convenor
- ii) Secretary-General
- iii) Secretaries
- iv) Treasurer

5. All accounts of the New India Movement will be regularly audited both at the Centre and the States.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

SPECIAL NOTE FOR CENTRES:

(1) **Subscriptions:** In the Executive Committee Meeting held at New Delhi in November 1979 it was decided to open the World Union National Centre-India at Bangalore. The said National Centre-India was inaugurated on 6th July 1980. As the Executive Com-

mittee Meeting had decided that 5% of the annual subscriptions will be passed on by the headquarters to the National Centre-India, each Centre's share had to be reduced from 25% to 20% with effect from 1st July 1980.

(2) Reports: Report of activities should be brief and must cover the actual activities of the Centre and should be written or typed in double spacing.

World Union Centres

Bangalore: In the meeting held on 7th December 1980 Sri Haneef Jawaaid spoke on "Foreign Policy—How it can Aid World Unity". He emphasised the need for the elite to interest in foreign policy matters and form informed opinion about it. He said foreign policy of states functions in a milieu. That milieu is international system that obtains at a particular time. At present the world is divided among independent, sovereign, nation-states. They have certain interests and objectives. They interact among themselves. Foreign policy forms a part of this interaction. "Foreign policy is a course of action undertaken by a state in pursuance of national objectives beyond the limits of its jurisdiction". As the characteristic of international system is anarchical in the sense that there is no supranational authority governing their relationships each state has to defend itself with its own resources. They are concerned only with their survival. Very often they employ force. At present science has placed in the hands of man enough destructive weapons which would destroy the whole of mankind and civilization in a matter of hours. This has increased insecurity, which has led to arms race which inevitably has led to further insecurity. The vicious circle activity goes on and on. At present therefore the only objective of all foreign policies of states is 'self-preservation'. The other main objectives of well-being of the people is very often relegated to the background. If there is to be peace in the world foreign policy should be regarded more as a responsibility and concern for the people of the world as a whole along with concern for the particular national interests. The new theory in international law the "Minds of Men" theory is a pointer in the new direction. It places man in the centre and emphasises the fulfilment of his genuine needs. A comprehensive theory of foreign policy has to have both these aims in view and humanise itself. In short a foreign policy of states should aim at the unity of the world and not try to divide it.

Bon-Hooghly: The monthly meeting was held on 7-11-80 at 3:00 P.M. at the residence of Sri Ashok Ray Choudhury. Dr. B. Bhattachary read out from a portion of an old writing of the Mother. Sri Dulal Chandra Paul read out the "Durga Stotra" of Sri Aurobindo. The Chairman of this Centre Sri Kalidas Karmakar presided after ten minutes group concentration. It was the day of "Dipawali". On this occasion the members took the privilege to meet together for group concentration for a long time. Sri N.C. Ray, Chairman, C.N.S.C. discussed at length the "Kali Puja". The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Chandernagore: The Seminars held on 14-9-80, 19-10-80 and 1-11-80 were dis-

cussed on two different topics. The first one was done in conjunction with Regional Centre to discuss the topic "India won Freedom but the Goal is not achieved". The Seminar was opened by Dr. B.N. Baral and concluded by Sri Samar Basu. The main speakers were Prof. Subodh Moitra, President, Sri Aurobindo's Action and Prof. Pulak Narayan Dhar. Prof. Moitra stressed on the spiritual side of Sri Aurobindo's philosophy and Prof. Dhar discussed the political side and lastly Sri Samar Basu made the conclusion nicely quoting from Sri Aurobindo's writing "Why India Needs Freedom?" Also some sayings and their subsequent explanations were highly appreciated by the highly classified audience. These are: "The European sets great store by machinery. He seeks to renovate humanity by schemes of society and systems of government; he hopes to bring about the millenium by an act of parliament", and similar other quotations. Nice songs were presented by Smt. Suparna Sarkar and two girl members of Uttarpara Centre. Sri T.K. Sinha, Secrerary, Regional Centre gave thanks to all.

The last two Seminars discussed the 15th Chapter of Geeta. The Speaker was Prof. S.K. Bhattacharya who told that this Chapter deals with how to achieve 'Purusottama' where physical being has been transformed into spiritual being. These two meetings were presided by Sri M. Ghosh.

Delhi: 6th December 1980: J.N. Puri, Secretary, World Union Delhi Centre met Dr. Kenneth Boulding, world famous economist, thinker, writer, founder of the Institute of Behavioural Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder in USA and well known world famous Peace Researcher who founded the famous Conflict Resolution Centre at Ann Arbor (Michigan-USA). He was apprised of the work being done by the World Union International for Human Unity based on Sri Aurobindo's philosophy. He was very much impressed by the working of the Centre and took literature to get in touch with the World Union by writing articles. He had recently visited United Nations University at Tokyo and will contribute his articles off and on for the World Union journal.

8th December 1980: A talk by Dr. Prof. Leo Elison was arranged on "Alternative, systemic (more integrative) approaches to learning in increasing pathological (sickening) environment" at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (International Youth Centre). The talk was attended by large number of young people and it was presided over by Dr. D.V. Sridharan, Director of the Kendra at New Delhi. Dr. Elison currently teaches Economics and System Science at Colgate University New York State, USA and has done research in comparative economic systems with emphasis on the USSR and has done in the past years intensive field work in Kaira District in Gujarat. He proposes to visit India with a group of his students next year and will enable the American students to study the spiritual, economic and social life in India as a course of study for the students.

Prof. Dwight W. Allen, an Educationist and a Bahai, gave a very enlightening and provocative lecture on education at the Bahai House. Among other things he asserted that teachings of Baha'ullah are the mcst important thing in life. Dr. Allen advocated human unity all over the world and commended the work being done by World Union and all other organisations throughout the world. A number of Bahai and World Union members have been working for mutual support.

13th December 1980: Servants of the People Society, Lajpatbhavan, has in the past years been organising "Thinkers Forum" to enable academicians, writers, politicians and other intellectuals to meet and discuss matters of topical interest. This Centre decided to revive the Thinkers Forum and as the first programme to start this, invited Dr. M.M. Nath to open discussion on "Problem of illiteracy in India". The meeting was chaired by Dr. R.K. Bhan who not only introduced the subject but also the Speaker. As an educationist of repute Dr. Bhan spelt out the various dimensions of illiteracy and gave details of the steps taken in the past years. The participants then listened to the learned discourse from Dr. Nath who also gave very concrete suggestions.

14th December 1980: Members of the World Union Delhi Centre were invited to attend the meeting of the New India Movement to discuss and finalise the first draft document framed by the sub-committee that was set up earlier. Swami Poorna Swatantra, Shri Chhedi Lal, Shri D.D. Gupta and Shri J.N. Puri attended the meeting and participated in the discussions. (See draft in Focus part in this issue). All the Centres of the World Union are requested to respond to the call for the growth and development of New India Movement and to send delegates to the Convention to be held at New Delhi from 11th to 13th April 1981. Dr. M.P. Chhaya, is the Convenor and may be addressed at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi 110021.

In the afternoon the Secretary of This Centre visited Gandhi Peace Foundation to meet Prof. Jim Hunt and Mrs. Jane Hunt and presented to them a book "The Future Vision of Sri Aurobindo" edited by Swami Poorna Swatantra. Prof. Hunt is on a short visit to India helping Shri Pyarelal to prepare the next volume of Mahatma Gandhi works. Prof. Hunt is a Professor of Religion in North Carolina University in USA. When his attention was drawn to the working of the World Union he was very much anxious to know that and expressed his desire to get in touch with the World Union International Centre soon after his return to USA.

Hyderabad: On 25th November 1980 Viswa Sahithi, under the presidency of Sri Pothukuchi Sambasiva Rao had arranged a meeting on National Integration in the YMCA Hall-Narayanguda and invited the World Union Centre to participate in the function. Dr. P.N. Bindu, President, World Union Hyderabad Centre and Sri Kasinath, the Hon. Secretary with other friends attended. It was largely attended by the members of Viswa Sahithi, the cream of Youth, including the budding poets. At the commencement, Dr. P.N. Bindu was called to speak on National Integration and he spoke for half-an-hour explaining the deeper sense of the terms integration and the necessity in the present day world for integrated human personalities to realise the unity and oneness of universal existence and the unity in diversity which was the main objective of World Union.

Lastly, he quoted from the Upanishad that he who sees his own self in others and others self in himself, he shall have no fear, no doubt and no illusion. He quoted Mahatma Gandhi also who said that Nationalism is not the highest concept, the highest concept is World Community and that we should work for that and for the brotherhood of mankind. Then only real National and International Integration was possible. Later, many young men and women read out their modern poems in telugu and they were full of revolutionary thoughts and patriotism and great appeal for national integration. The President, Mr.

Pothukuchi Sambasiva Rao and the Chief Guest of the evening Mr. Bhasker Rao showed great interest in encouraging the younger generation to the patriotic citizens of India. After the President's remarks the meeting came to a close.

New Alipur: On 6th November the eve of Kali Puja was observed in a memorable manner amidst delightful illuminations and fireworks all around. The Mahakali aspect of "The Mother" was read and elaborated by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee. In this connection, the Mother of Pondicherry Ashram—the background of the book "The Mother" was remembered in her other aspects with deep respect. The present turmoil and chaos in the world was explained to be the action of "Chinna masta"—an aspect of Mahakali to destroy the old virtues, prejudices and ideas, so that a new light of harmony is established in this earth. After prayer and meditation, the meeting ended with a devotional song by Mira Mukherjee.

Dr. Mukherjee with his family undertook a goodwill visit to Allahabad and Varanasi in last October. In Allahabad they were cordially received by Sri R.K. Nehru. A free and frank discussion about world affairs and the idea of Sri Aurobindo was held in a courteous atmosphere. Sri Nehru, though a little pessimistic, finally admitted the value of sincere prayer by aspired souls. In Varanasi they visited Sri Aurobindo Mandir, where Dr. Mukherjee talked on the "Widening of Consciousness" exemplified by Sri Aurobindo's life. There, they also paid goodwill visits to "Anandamoyee Ashram" "Sant Ashram" and "Ramakrishna Mission Hospital".

North Bantra : The monthly meeting for November 1980 was held on 15-11-80 at 27/2 Natabar Paul Road, Howrah-1. Sri Jiban Kr. Ghosh presided. It started with devotional song by Maya Chakraborty. Sri Samar Basu attended the meeting and delivered a long speech about World Community. Miss Mohua Ghosh sang many devotional songs in Sanskrit. Maya Chakraborty and Sri Brojendra Nath Bhattacharjee sung many devotional songs during intervals between speeches. Sri Basudeb Paul and Sri Aninda Chatterjee also spoke about Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Sri Prokash Ch. Neogi, the Chairman of the centre related the position of the organization with request for more enrolment and also added about the spiritual necessity of such enrolment.

Sri Abhilash Mukherjee, Asst. Secretary spoke about organizational matters.

Rishra: In the evening of Wednesdays dated 6th August 1980, 29th October 1980, the hymn to Sri Durga, group concentration as usual readings and discussion and on the 27th November 1980, a Seminar in commemoration of Sri Aurobindo's "SIDDHA DIVAS" were held at L.N.C. Mills, Staff Club, Rishra (Hooghly).

6th October 1980: Sri B. Chakraborty read out and discussed from the selected portion of "Mother's Love". Love is generally expressed from the perfect manner of inclination. Love is like a garland of flowers. Mother's love is the supreme power. Human love has its limit and end but the Divine love is inexhaustible and is all embracing for ever.

29th October: Sri B. Chakraborty, read out and discussed from the book of "KARMA". How can one realise oneself before commencing work? Mental preparation, intense devotion and peace are required for realising the presence of God.

27th November: 1980: For celebrating Sri Aurobindo's "SIDDHA DIVAS" a Seminar was organised at L.N.C. Mills' Staff Club, Rishra (Hooghly). The programme opened with a Rabindra Giti sung by Sri Swadhin Biswas and a short speech of Sri Bhabatosh Chakraborty. The main speakers were Sri Samar Basu and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee. Sri Basu enlightened with the aspects of Sri Aurobindo's "SIDDHA DIVAS" and of the World Union. Dr. Mukherjee spoke on physical science and spirituality. Both of the speakers gave inspiring speeches and everyone present got a very vivid idea of the theme of the subject. The Seminar concluded with a group concentration and a vote of thanks to the speakers and the participants.

Sultanpur: "Development of inner virtues for Global Unity" — "People, by and large, regard only material progress as the sine qua non of advancement in life, when man in ancient times felt more happy and prosperous even in absence of present day so called material comforts. In fact, man cannot feel really contented in life, if he has not inculcated qualities of 'head and heart' both, particularly the latter as love and affection for all, spirit of sacrifice for a common good cause, sincere and honest work for social good, a sense of self-discipline, patience and perseverance in life's various activities and truthful conduct in life. In the prevailing social conditions, the World Union Movement can unite people in a bond of love and affection, respect for each other's sovereignty and common well-being, leading to fruition of the concept of 'One World' of yore".

The above thoughts were expressed by Sri P. Chatterjee, District Magistrate, Sultanpur (UP), while inaugurating the World Union Sultanpur Centre in the local District Board Hall at 6:00 P.M. on 24th November 1980—the day of Sri Aurobindo's Siddhi 54 years back. Sri Prabhakar, Secretary of the Centre, brought to the notice of the august gathering the aims and objects of World Union, established in November 1958, its achievements in the last 22 years of functioning and the work that has got to be done at Sultanpur in furtherance of the objectives, viz. establishment of 'Forum of Human Unity', firstly in Degree College and other educational institutions and secondly, in mohalls of the city. Sri Bankey Behari Singh and Dr. Hari Dutt Shukla spoke on the imperative need of achieving World Human Unity on spiritual foundations, if the world is to be saved from the impending holocaust of a third World War to be fought with atomic missiles. Ram Shiromani Upadhaya lucidly explained Sri Aurobindo's philosophy, esp. the concept of Super-Consciousness in bringing about an all abiding reign of love on the surface of this earth.

The function came to a close with a vote of thanks by Dr. D.C. Banik, President of the World Union Sultanpur Centre and with prasad distribution and show of a film Sri Aurobindo's life.

Uttarpara: The 88th monthly Seminar was held on Saturday the 13th December 1980 at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith at 5.30 P.M. when Sri Samar Basu presided. The subject was — "What was Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana for? and how does it relate to World Union Movements?" After group concentration of 5 minutes Sri Samar Basu spoke on the subject. He indicated that Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana was not for his personal emancipation but for bringing down higher light upon earth so that manifestation of higher consciousness than mental, could be made possible. In the world of Sri Aurobindo, "This Yoga is not a

Yoga of world-shunning asceticism but of Divine Life (on Earth)". Sri Basu also read out a few extracts from Sri Aurobindo on himself to explain where lay the novelty of Sri Aurobindo's yoga. He concluded that Divine Life on earth would not be possible until earth was ready and prepared. That is to say,—the world would have to be transformed. The World Union Movement was to bring about that change and therefore keenly related to the yoga of Sri Aurobindo. The meeting ended at about 1:00 P.M.

Besides the above Seminar this Centre solemnly observed the dates of the Mother's and Sri Aurobindo and group meditation on 17th and 20th November 1980 and on 5th and 9th December 1980. The members also met on the 24th November when Sri S.K. Gupta and Sri Samar Basu explained the significance of Maha Siddhi of Sri Aurobindo.

New Centres:

The following two New Centres were opened under inspiration and guidance from Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, the Coordinator for Northern Region:

Sultanpur: Initial work for this Centre commenced about six months back but it was finally organised and inaugurated on 24th November 1980. Dr. D.C. Banik is the President of the Centre and Sri Prabhakar is the Secretary. The address of the Centre is that of the Secretary being: 331 Civil Lines-II, SULTANPUR 228001 (UP).

(Inauguration report is given under "Activities" in this issue)

Tehri (Garhwal): This Centre was opened during the first week of December 1980. Sri Sriram Dwivedi "Patrakar" is the Chairman and Sri Chamanlal is the Secretary. The address of the Centre is that of the Secretary being: Chaman Shoe Store, Main Bazar, TEHRI (Garhwal).

New Associate Life Members:

49. Sri K. Viswanathan

Director
"MITRANIKETAN"
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General Secretary
December 20, 1980



NEW IDEAS-NEW IDEALS-NEW TRUTHS

Behind surface events new ideas, new ideals and new truths are taking shape for the creation of a New World Order. There are epochs in earth's life when the evolutionary process makes rapid strides and revolutionary changes. We are living in a unique and remarkable era in which radical changes—new knowledge, new truths, new scientific discoveries, new technological developments, new organisations and institutions, new ways of thinking, new solutions of problems—are ceaselessly dawning on the minds of men so that man's growth and the changes likely to occur in the future are virtually unlimited. Without doubt, science has greatly widened the intellectual horizons of the human race, raising, sharpening and intensifying our general intellectual capacities and has helped develop international minds and cosmopolitan habits. A world civilization is no more improbable than the separate regional civilizations of the past. Without a sound world order humanity may stumble into wars of various magnitudes or ultimate catastrophe. The rate of human evolution has been constantly accelerating ever since the first man, with about one major cultural change per million years in lower Paleolithic times, to one in each hundred years in most recorded history, to one or more per decade in the present era.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Reminders to Our Members and Friends:

1. We have already published in the past issues of the World Union Focus full information about the Fourth Assembly of World Constitution and Parliament Association to be held in New Delhi from 21 to 24 February 1981 for the furtherance of the Campaign for the Ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. It is hoped that World Union

members and supporters would participate actively in the meeting. There is rail concession for travel to New Delhi for the meeting and back. Correspondence should be addressed to Shri Puran Singh Azad, India Committee of WCPA, 38 Northend Complex, Rama Krishna Ashram Marg, New Delhi 110001.

2. The Third National Convention of World Union Centres in India will be held at Bangalore on the 7th, 8th and 9th June 1981. Information about it was published in the past issues of the Focus. It is hoped that World Union Centres in India would be adequately represented at the Convention. Correspondence should be addressed to Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau, President of the Adhoc Committee of the World Union National Centre-India, C/o Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, Bull Temple Road, N.R. Colony, Bangalore 560019, or to Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana, the Secretary of the National Centre-India, 197, 7th Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560011.

Seminars in West Bengal on "World Government & its Constitution":

(i) We have already reported of the Seminar on the 7th December 1980 at Calcutta. We have now received the Consensus of this Inter-University Seminar signed by its President. The Consensus is:

The Seminar noted with alarm the grave global situation today because: (a) More than a billion dollars is spent each day to prepare for destructive wars, weapons and ancillary matters; (b) new sophisticated weapons are being added to the nuclear stock-pile by encouraging scientists, technologists, and engineers; (c) environmental pollution on a massive scale is causing an unhealthy imbalance in the ecological system of the universe; (d) the valuable resources of the earth are being callously and unprudentially wasted without any attempt at their planned conservation and utilisation; (e) the UN has failed to live up to the hopes and aspirations of mankind due to big powers rivalry and other factors.

The only conceivable 'escape route' found by the participants of the Seminar was to hasten the evolution and ultimate emergence of a World Government that would pinpoint the urgency of disarmament and pacific settlement of international disputes. The speakers regretted that today, even when nearly forty years after the second World War, the need for World Government reached its apex, its emergence is threatened by the notion of territorial sovereignty of Nation States.

In view of the above, the distinguished speakers of the Seminar resolved very strongly that the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, drafted and adopted in June 1977 by the WCPA (World Constitution and Parliament Association) after continuous hard labour for 19 years, be ratified.

The Seminar endorsed the stand taken by Sri Samar Basu, the distinguished General Secretary of the WCPA, Local Chapter, West Bengal. He pointed out in his learned introductory speech that it would be quite justifiable to have this constitution provisionally ratified by National Parliaments as suggested by the Constituent Assembly in its Third Session held in Sri Lanka during December 1978 through January 1979, instead of a fresh World Constituent Assembly to draft and adopt another World Constitution. If, in case any such eventuality would develop, then that 'New Assembly would be asked to consider this Constitution

and have it amended wherever necessary to avoid unnecessary wastage of time in drafting and adopting an altogether new constitution. Though unpleasant, it was an admitted fact that none of the National Governments had yet become ready to undertake this great and noble task. Efforts of Shri H.V. Kamath, a veteran and eminent Parliamentarian of India, in moving a Private Member's Bill in 1977 for amending Article 51 of the Indian Constitution failed. The question of surrendering sovereignty stood as a stumbling block on the way.

From this point of view as also in view of the rapid deterioration of the world conditions, *the Rationale of the World Constituent Assembly* as explained beautifully by the General Secretary, seemed to be quite logical and vindicative. The scope of Nation-States was admittedly too narrow to take any effective measure in establishing a World Federal Government, because none as yet appeared to be ready to surrender a portion of its sovereignty to save humanity at this moment of extreme world crisis.

It was, therefore, recommended very strongly that the Constitution for the Federation of Earth be ratified and put into effect by stages as planned. It was also recommended that the Constitution be placed before all National Parliaments, including the Indian Parliament, for their provisional ratification as proposed by the Sri Lanka Session of the Assembly.

(ii) The WCPA Local Chapter of West Bengal, conducted a very significant and purposeful Seminar on Sunday, the 11th January 1981, at Jay Prakash Public Library, Uttarpara, at 4:30 P.M. Justice Sabyasachi Mukherji of Calcutta High Court presided and Justice B.C. Basak was the Guest-in-Chief. Justice Ganendra Narayan Ray attended the Seminar as a Special Guest. Senior Advocates Shri Kashi Kanto Maitra, Dr. Debi Prasad Pal and Shri Ranjit Kumar Banerjee participated in the Seminar. Prof. Sankar Dutta of Rabindra Bharati University welcomed the guests. Sri Samar Basu read out the message of Sri A. B. Patel and made a brief survey of the history of the movement and emphasised the necessity of the appraisal of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth by eminent personalities of the judiciary.

The distinguished speakers in their learned discussion indicated two cardinal points for the consideration of WCPA: Intensive spade work was necessary (a) to promote awareness of the present world crises and the need to win over the people at large and (b) to promote, among the national leaders of the world, the need of surrendering a portion of national sovereignty for the common good of humanity. It was also pointed that there must be provisions in the Constitution to make individuals know of their responsibility as world citizens to have their rights fully safeguarded.

In his presidential address Justice Sabyasachi Mukherji spoke highly of the endeavour made by the WCPA towards fulfilling the long cherished dream of sages of India and geniuses of all over the world and strongly recommended that, though the present world situation did not seem to be quite congenial to have this noble endeavour fully effectuated, tomorrow or day after it would surely succeed—a World Government would evolve.

Sri B.K. Swaika proposed a vote of thanks. A senior advocate Sri Shaktinath Mukherjee cordially entertained the guests. He and his advocate friends signed the endorsement form for ratifying the Constitution. Prof. K.C. Pal, Shri P.P. Bhattacharya, Shri T.K. Sinha, Dr. B.N. Baral, Shri D.K. Bhattacharya, Shri N. Datta and others attended the Seminar.

Variety of constructive activities by World Union Delhi Centre:

(i) On the 27th December 1980, Shri J.N. Puri represented World Union and attended the National Convention of the Indian Federation of the United Nations Association held at India International Centre. Mr. Erling Dessau, the Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP inaugurated the function and H.E. Mr. Yuli M. Vorontsov, USSR Ambassador, spoke on "Indo-USSR Relations in the Quest of Peace". The function was very well attended and apart from the full day's schedule, Dr. Prem Kripal addressed the gathering and spoke on "Media Peace Prize and Human Rights" and declared the prizes having been adjudged in favour of Gandhi Peace Foundation and Mr. Abidi for Media and Human Rights respectively.

(ii) On the 31st December 1980, a meeting of the Indo-Sri Lanka Cultural Council was held to bid farewell to two officials of Sri Lanka High Commission at New Delhi, one of whom was Deputy High Commissioner who had resigned his diplomatic assignment to join the social work being done by Mother Terressa at Calcutta. In that connection Shri J. N. Puri was asked to arrange a short programme of entertainment. At his request Mr. Keith Edward Frampton, a Crusader for a better world, invited a group of four children to give nice songs as part of their Crusade for a better World. These children sang the same songs at the General Assembly of Manava Bharati India International School and the audience liked their songs so much that Hindustan Times wrote a small write up and gave a picture of the four children on 4.1.81. These four children have become very popular on account of their inspiring songs for a better world. We publish below "An Open Letter To The World" prepared by the Better World Group :

Dearest fellow citizen of the world :

This world is your world. This world is my world and we cannot give up our responsibility to it and to each other because of some traditional taboos and prejudices of class, creed, colour, race, religion or political differences that might try to separate us.

This world is our world. But it only takes one press of the atomic button and it might all be over.

The world leaders have tried to bring peace but without much success and the arms race and the threat of war advances unchecked daily at an alarming rate.

The kind of mass killing that war brings today makes no distinction between Black or White, Rich or Poor, Men or Women and Children, Capitalists or Communists, Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Jews, Buddhists, Sikhs or Jains etc.

There is no winner in war. All men are equal, all men are dead.

But while there is life, there is still hope. We might have different backgrounds, ideas and ways of living, *but we all have somethings in common.* We are all alive and we are all human beings with similar hopes, fears, longings and desires inhabiting this earth together while it spins through space.

Its your world and it is my world. So let us not fight over it, and destroy it but accept it as *our world* and *emphasise the points we do agree upon* so that we can love one another more so as to overcome the points we find it hard to agree upon. *Let's fight together side by side in love to Build a Better World.*

Our common enemy is fear of the unknown which is often the result of traditional

prejudices and taboos of indoctrination that we have inherited from a darkened past.

The best way to overcome such a fear is to take positive loving action of concern and go out of our way to understand, listen to and help somebody we would not normally help, someone we have even been taught to avoid; to do something for the downtrodden and less privileged.

The more this loving attitude of human brotherhood is adopted on a *local level* in every household, village, town, city or country of the world, *the greater effect it will have on national and international thinking and action* so that no world leader would be able to persuade his or her people to fight wars or build bombs anymore and the world would be saved, *not by the big shots but by the little people who never shot at all.*

The people of the world would be too busy loving their neighbour and would not be interested in killing him or her anymore, and could not be persuaded to either.

It is up to you. How do you feel you can best utilise your talents *to Build a Better World?* If you would like to see the idea spread further on a *grassroot level* in your neighbourhood or country or throughout the world *you are most welcome and free to duplicate or reproduce this same message.*

It is up to you what you do with THIS MESSAGE AND THIS WORLD. *The future of the world lies in YOUR HANDS. Time is short: if you do not start to build a better world today, you may not have another chance tomorrow.*

Please let us work together in love and peace to Build a Better World.

Much love from your fellow citizens of this our world.

(iii) On the 4th January 1981 the Sadhu Vaswani Mission, New Delhi, had invited Shri J. N. Puri to participate in their fellowship at 9 Kautalaya Marg, Chankayapuri, New Delhi, to enable him to speak to their members about World Union. He spoke on World Union and its activities. The Sadhu Vaswani Mission of New Delhi agreed to cooperate and coordinate in World Union's future activities.

(iv) As a result of invitations circulated by Thinkers Forum and World Union Delhi Centre, an excellent meeting took place on the 10th January 1981 when Dr. R.K. Bhan introduced the Speaker Sri S.K. De, representative of Quaker International Affairs Programme in South Asia (representing Quaker Peace Service, London, American Friends Service Committee, Canadian Friends Service Committee and Quaker Service Council of Australia), who spoke at some length on the need for Indo-Pakistan amity as early as possible. He drew attention of the meeting to the fact that unnecessarily a lot of money was being spent in maintaining India and Pakistan Borders Security measures. He referred to the fact that new generations have emerged in both the countries and still there are many angularities in the images of the two countries. Dr. Bhan observed that the Tashkent Agreement and Simla Agreement were expected to bring about good results, but most of the promises contained therein have remained on paper only.

Sri S.K. De invited members of World Union and Thinkers Forum to a get-together at his house on the 17th January 1981 where Dr. Vishal Singh of the School of International Studies of Jawaharlal Nehru University is expected to share his assessment of the South East Asian conditions.

(v) On the 10th and 11th January 1981 Shri Chhedi Lal represented World Union at the two days convention organised at Vigyan Bhavan by Bharat Vikas Parishad.

Young Women for World Unity

Suchitra Bhagwani, Secretary of Young Women for World Unity, writes to us to ask World Union journal readers to extend their full cooperation and support to this important cause. She writes that all are aware that crimes against women, dowry deaths and mental tortures caused by sex hungry people in offices and outside have become a common feature of the lives of women wherever they do not have a union or organization to support or protect them. Having witnessed what has happened in India in recent times, it is essential that all women must unite and seek an opportunity for equal status in political, social and economic fields. She appeals to all women to extend their full cooperation to the movement by sending their ideas to form a united front to fight against all evils that are erupting in the Indian Society. She says that if all women unite, create unity in diversity, one can hope to usher humanity into an era of peace, prosperity, justice and harmony all over the world and in that case world unity and federation of earth can be established earlier than expected.

Human Rights Day—10th December 1981—Report received:

At a well attended public meeting under the auspices of the Calcutta Association for the United Nations on the 10th December 1980, Prof. K.C. Pal, its Vice-President, who is also the President of the West Bengal Local Chapter of the World Constitution and Parliament Association, Colorado, U.S.A., delivered an inspiring speech in support of the ideal of the Universal Society of Human Rights now realizable through "A Constitution for the Federation of Earth".

That Constitution, adopted by delegates from some 27 countries, including India, Bangladesh and Pakistan, constituting a World Constituent Assembly meeting at Innsbruck in June 1977, gives the details of a World Government for the earliest possible realization of the ideals in the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10th December 1948.

Prof. Pal referred to certain details of the scheme already published in his essays or lectures on the subject in the World Union, the monthly organ of the World Union International, Pondicherry 605002, in its issues of February, 1979, March 1979, April 1979, March 1980 and April 1980 etc.

The above said public meeting was also addressed by other distinguished speakers like Sri P.C. Sen, an Ex-Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr P.K. Bose, an Ex-Pro-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta and Sri Sudhir Ghosh, present Secretary to the Calcutta Association for the United Nations founded in 1947. All speakers were highly sympathetic to the cause of the Universal Society of Human Rights through "A Constitution for the Federation of Earth" in fulfilment of the purposes and principles of the United Nations, especially the Universal Declaration of Human Rights dated 10th December 1948.

The enthusiastic mood that was generated in the audience within the precincts of the

hall of the famous Indian Association seemed to show that the time was now ripe for an energetic membership campaign, on behalf of what may be called, the vanguard of the Universal Society of Human Rights, for a crescent crusade in ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth adopted in June 1977—a World State in making based on such ideals as (a) Socialism, (b) Democracy, (c) Disarmament, (d) Federalism, (e) Parliamentary System and (f) Universalism every where on earth.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bangalore: The monthly lecture was held at N.M.K.R.V. First Grade College under the auspices of the World Union Bangalore Centre on 4th January 1981 at 10:00 A.M. when Sri P.V. Rajagopal spoke on "Perfected Man". Sri Anantha Swami Rao presided. Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana, President, World Union Bangalore Centre spoke about the Third National Convention of World Union Centres to be held at Bangalore on the 7th, 8th and 9th June 1981 and introduced the Lecturer Sri P.V. Rajagopal who spoke on the following lines:

A truly perfected man does not exist. It can only be God. But perfection can be obtained by man, if he can truly understand and master the body, the mind and the soul. A healthy body is a must for the healthy mind. Food, exercise and breathing of a perfect nature and right attitude are essential for a coordinated functioning of all the three—body, mind and soul. Love of work, love of nature, love of all living things gives the life energy to make man a perfect being. This perfected man is the real Yogi. Sri Anantha Swami Rao, who chaired, complimented the Lecturer for the excellent way he dealt with the subject and said that a healthy body is essential for attainment of Dharma by quoting relevant lines from Kalidasa. Sri H.K. Shantavearappa proposed a vote of thanks.

Cambay: Sri Aurobindo Centre, World Union and Sri Aurobindo Youth Club, Cambay, arranged a joint prayer and meditation programme at Kachhia Pole, Aling, Cambay, on 5th December 1980 and 9th December 1980 from 8:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Tapes of "The Mother" read by the Mother and organ music played by the Mother were played. The Chairman of World Union and Sri Aurobindo Youth Club, Cambay, Sri Niketanbhai Patel, addressed the members. The Secretary, Sri Vijay Shah, explained about Auroville and Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry and importance of 5th and 9th December 1980. The President of Rotract Club, Cambay, Sri Jayanthibhai Rana and the President of Sri Aurobindo Youth Club, Cambay, Sri Harikrishna Acharya addressed the members. Sri A.C. Dave, Administrative Officer, L.I.C. of India, Cambay, Sri & Smt. S.C. Mehta, Sri A.J. Mehta, Sri H.R. Shah and other members offered their prayers.

One group of Sadhak teachers and students from Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Delhi Branch, visited Cambay on 27-12-80, Saturday, under the leadership of Kum. Taraben Jauhar and Pri.

Induben of Mother International School, New Delhi. Parasarji was the Chief Guest of our Centres.

The President Sri Jethabhai Shah on the occasion garlanded the Mother and Sri Aurobindo's photograph and issued welcome speech. All the Clubs viz. Rotary, Lions, Jaycees, Youth Club, Sri Aurobindo Centre, World Union, Sri Aurobindo Youth Club and other more than a dozen institutions welcomed the guests. Municipal Jubilee High School students and teachers presented good cultural and musical programme in exchange programme of visiting group. Pri. Niketanbhai Patel, Secretary Vijay Shah, Sri Harikrishna Acharya, Rameshbhai Dave, Ketan Shah and other well wishers and devotees have offered their services the whole day.

The new address of the Centre is: Rtn. Niketanbhai K. Patel, Chairman, World Union Cambay Centre, "Shiv-Matru Sadan", Vada Pole, CAMBAY 388620 (Gujarat State).

Mysore : At the monthly meeting held on 20.12.80, the members agreed to enrol new members for the Centre and application forms were given to them during the meeting by the Chairman. A talk on "Unification of Mankind" by Swami Harshanandaji of Ramakrishna Vedanta College, Mysore is scheduled at 6:00 P.M. on Friday the 23rd January 1981.

New Alipur : On 4th December the monthly meeting commenced with recorded devotional songs and music by Kalyan and Supti. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee briefly remembered the occasion when Sri Aurobindo left His physical body on 5th December. He specially mentioned how the body remained fresh without decomposition until 9th December. Sri Satindra Kumar Mukherji narrated his thrilling story of meeting Sri Aurobindo in 1926. Sri Aurobindo told him that none can step into his Yoga without an inner call. This inner call has its own certitude which cannot be missed.

The 1st January of 1981 was observed as the 6th Annual Day of the Centre by prayer, meditation and devotional songs. Tanuja Mukherjee read out from Mother's prayer of 1st January 1914, where Mother prays to the almighty on behalf of the world to manifest his truth and light on this earth. Devotional songs were offered by Smt. Anuradha Sen, Ashima De and Mira Mukherjee. A passage on truth was read out by Smt. Neela Roy. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee reminded the members once again the collective aspect of World Union Movement by developing a global idea and being alert to global problems in our daily life. This widens one's field of vision as opposed to confinement only on one's personal interest in life.

The New office-bearers are as follows: Chairman—Dr. Amalendu Bose, M.A , Ph. D. (Oxford), Vice-Chairman—Mira Mukherjee, M.A., A.L.A. (Lond.), Secretary & Treasurer—Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, M.R.C.P.

Sondekoppa : The monthly meeting for December 1980 was held on 28.12.80 in the Local High School. Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana, Secretary, National Centre-India, gave a talk on his impressions of his travel in foreign countries. Sri H.K. Shantavearappa, Secretary, Bangalore Centre, was also present. Sri B. Krishnaswamy, Secretary of the Centre welcomed the guests and Sri Muddasetty thanked the guests after the function.

Uttarpara : A special meeting was arranged by this Centre on the happy occasion of Shri Chhedilalji's visit on Saturday the 20th December 1980 at the Rotary Hall of Swami Niswambalananda Girls' College, Bhadrakali, at 5:15 P.M. when Sri Samar Basu presided. The meeting started with devotional song offered by Km. Anuradha Burman followed by group concentration. Sri Bimal Bhusan Banerjee (Advocate) welcomed Shri Chhedilalji and other distinguished guests. Sri Samar Basu in his introductory speech explained how Shri Chhedilalji had been gradually becoming interested in this Movement since he inaugurated the Fourth Triennial Conference of World Union held in 1973 at Pondicherry when he was the Lt. Governor of Pondicherry, which resulted in his being elected as the Chairman of World Union Delhi Centre in 1979. Sri Basu also emphasised that the need of an able Chairman for Delhi Centre had been felt very acutely after the passing away of Sri Surendra Mohan Ghosh and it was expected that Shri Chhedilalji with his administrative ability and efficiency would be able to carry on more effectively.

Thereafter Shri Chhedilalji spoke on "The Present Crises and World Union Movement". After his speech Sri Abani Bhusan Moira and Dr. B.N. Baral asked questions which were properly dealt with by Shri Chhedilalji. Sri S.K. Gupta proposed a vote of thanks. With the closing song and meditation, the meeting ended at about 8:00 P.M. The meeting was attended by members of different World Union Centres and interested persons of the locality.

Sri Ma-Sinhi : This New Centre was inaugurated by Sri M. P. Pandit on Sunday 11.1.81 at 10:00 A.M. Sri M. P. Goenka of New Alipur was the Chief Guest. After two minutes of meditation, the opening song was presented by Smt. Soobha Goswami, Sangeet Prabhakar.

Sri Chunilal Goswami, the Secretary described the working of Sri Ma Organization since 1975 and the necessity of opening a New World Union Centre in the Sinhi locality. He considered it a great good fortune that an eminent person of the calibre of Sri M.P. Pandit was in Calcutta and had been kind enough to inaugurate the Centre. In Sri Pandit there was an extraordinary combination of a seer, great scholar and the Mother's illustrious son and his work can be considered parallel to Swami Vivekananda.

Smt. (Dr.) Jyoti Sen, Ph.D., (Anthropology), Pabitra Sen Gupta of Aikya Samelan, Sri Suhrid Gopal Datta, Advocate (Amrita Bazar Patrika's Advisor), Sri Santosh K. Mukherji, Ex. Editor, Nikhil Bharat Banga Sahitya Sammelan, Sri Dharendra Ch. Sarkar, Secretary, Suradhuni Music College & Musician, Anath Bandhu Pal, Advocate High Court, G. Vasanti Rao, Secretary to Sri Pandit, Dr. Dibyendu Purakait, Sri Uma Pada Datta and other distinguished persons of the locality participated. Sri Suhrid Gopal Datta gave a vote of thanks. Smt. Soobha Goswami and Smt. Sagorika Lahiri sang closing song. Tape-recorded music was demonstrated by Sri Dharendra Ch. Sarkar, the famous musician.

In his Presidential address Sri M. P. Pandit remarked that the age of authority has gone and so there is no necessity of having a Chairman, Vice-Chairman etc. in any such spiritual bodies, rather all members should be given equal status and opportunity. He lucidly narrated that he (Sri Pandit) never likes to be called a leader; he said "We are Mother's children meant for awakening the leader in everybody's heart within just like a match stick to ignite the flame of the Mother's light." He also specially asked Sri Chunilal, Secretary of the New

Centre to hold meeting and sittings in each month in each member's house and it should not be confined to only one venue, and only for annual function it may assemble at the Centre's usual place of working.

He also answered precious questions on Mother's and Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana in a clear and precise manner and all were extremely impressed by the depth of his knowledge, loving nature and affectionate dealings with everybody present. The meeting was a grand success. Smt. Bina Pani Roy, mother of Soobha paid attention to all present and arranged light refreshments on this occasion.

New Centres:

Sri Ma-Sinhi: This New Centre was inaugurated on 11th January 1981 by Sri M.P. Pandit, the Chairman of World Union International. The Centre has been organised by Sri Chunilal Goswami who has been an enthusiastic and active worker of World Union in Calcutta since last many years. He himself is the Secretary of this Centre and his address is also that of the Centre, being: World Union Sri Ma-Sinhi Centre, Sri Ma Bhavan, 403 R.N. Tagore Road, P.O. Bediapara (Sinhi), Calcutta 700077.

(See inauguration report under Organizational Activity in this issue).

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World Union Building Fund:

Acknowledged in the October 1980 Focus	Rs. 1,18,795 - 70
Sri Ranjitekumar Patel, Baroda	500 - 00
Smt. Shardaben J. Patel, (U.K.)	500 - 00
Dr. Kamooben Patel, Pondicherry	251 - 00
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CIVILIZATION—RADICAL CHANGE ESSENTIAL

Present civilization harbours many undesirable features such as racial discrimination, religious intolerance, tribal and caste prejudices, social inequality and economic exploitation, distributive injustice, ever-widening gap between the rich and the poor nations and also gap between the rich and the poor in every nation, insane spending of colossal sums and resources in armies and armaments, intimidation and interference in the internal affairs of weak nations by powerful nations, hijacking of planes and terrorism, kidnapping of innocent persons and holding them as hostages for wrong motives, holding as hostages and even killing embassy personnel and attacking embassy buildings against all international law, unprecedented clash and conflict of ideals and systems, out of date institutions and systems of government, out of date institution of war, ideological conflicts and subversions. All these are inherited from the past and the civilization must become free from them, for the onward march of humanity to peace, progress, prosperity and orderly evolution of life on this Planet Earth.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Radical Change Essential:

Nationalism and National Sovereignty served their purpose in the evolutionary progress of humanity but are now an obstruction to the realization of human unity and world peace, very essential to meet present challenges, because every nation still thinks in terms of its selfish interests, right or wrong, and ignores all aspects and view points necessary for the common good of humanity. It will not be possible to get rid of the present civilization all harmful and injurious features unless a part of national sovereignty is surrendered to a world order which must be brought into existence in the near future for the orderly evolution of the human race.

Forum for World Peace under the Auspices of Sardar Patel University :

Dr. D.D. Jadeja, Secretary of Forum for World Peace, reports:

"The idea of one world order, expressed in "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" is an age-old dream in India. Emancipation from the ills that ail humanity—peacelessness—is the most urgent need of the world today", said Shri R.B. Dikshit while speaking on "Human Unity and World Peace" under the joint auspices of Sri Aurobindo Society (Local Branch) and Forum for World Peace, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar.

Tracing the origin of groups and Societies in the World Shri Dikshit indicated how nature tries to maintain balance by pruning one and letting the other grow and thus allowing unity and diversity in needs, thoughts, languages, races and cultures to co-exist.

It is noteworthy that despite extreme diversity in the world there is a good deal of interdependence which fosters internal unity. The world has become so small that the present war between Iran and Iraq has paralysed the world's economy, Shri Dikshit remarked.

He recalled that UNO, UNESCO, WHO and World Bank are all attempts at establishing one world order. It is heartening that WCPA has attempted to form Federation of Earth and World Parliament with members from different parts of the world, he added. Shri Dikshit expressed the hope that all nations of the world would rise above their narrow self-interests and actively participate in the formation of the Federation of Earth and World Parliament—thus make the world a better place to live in.

Under the joint auspices of Forum for World Peace and Sri Aurobindo Society, Vallabh Vidyanagar Branch, Prof. Shishirkumar Ghose delivered a talk on "The Relevance of Sri Aurobindo" on 8th February, 1981. The learned speaker observed:

"Sri Aurobindo has energised a globe consciousness that alone can justify the global village. We should emphasize this wider aspect of Sri Aurobindo. As C.R. Reddy has said long back: he is more than the hero of a nation. A great Yogi and great Indian, Yes; but more than that he is the fabulous futurist (which few Vedantists are). Original, open-ended, Sri Aurobindo stands for a collective Yoga in the human race. His idea of a spiritual society is a superior alternative to the varieties of Totalitarianism, the God that has failed or is failing. To confine such a cosmic spirit to the purely nationalist framework or the constraints of a cult is a cruelty, it is to minimise his importance and impact. He has a vision, an inclusive vision, neither of the East nor of the West, but of the world to be.

"It is better, then, to see him not as a fiery nationalist bent on fighting the British or an oldtime Yogi lost to the world. In his climb to a peak no feet have ever trod, he is more of a voyager, the lone forerunner of a Godward earth. In the double crisis of civilization and evolution he has pointed to a breakthrough. At this turning point of history he belongs to humanity rather than a particular people. After ages, he the oecumenic man, "Visvamanav", has called man to that ascent without which he misses the mark. The paradox of human development recalls us to the subjective fact that what things are inwardly, determines their course and character without, simply as within, so without."

On the surface of it, the above talk under the auspices of Forum for World Peace sounded little unreal, because Gujarat has been recently swept by the fury of agitation against reservation of seats for Backward Class students at the Post Graduate medical study. All the universities of Gujarat State are closed at the present moment. One can sniff violence in the air of Ahmedabad, a premier city of Gujarat. But the deeper implication of the relevance of Prof. Shishirkumar's address was not lost on those few who had gathered to listen to him.

Sri Aurobindo has pointed out two extreme possibilities for mankind:- (i) Further aggressive expansion of the individual and collective egos (ii) A life of unity, mutuality and harmony brought about by our awakening into the deeper truths of the spirit. Our country as well as the world it appears, is presently heading for the first possibility of confrontation. This means a further accentuation of the current malady from which mankind is suffering: "Men are ready to oppress and be oppressed, to kill and be killed".

Prof. K.R.S. Iyengar has observed in this context: 'We cannot and must not want this, and so the only other course open to us is the radiantly Aurobindonian', a life of unity, mutuality and harmony brought about by 'the manifestation of the self and spirit within us'. This is the way of SHREYAS and this is also the step 'for which the whole of evolution has been a preparation'.

The meeting began and concluded with a prayer. Prof. Ramesh A. Dave welcomed Prof. Shishirkumar Ghose and Dr. Dayashankar Mishra proposed a vote of thanks.

It was also a great pleasure for the Office—bearers and members of the Forum to welcome and meet Shri Champaklalji—from Sri Aurobindo Ashram—who visited Vallabh Vidyanagar on 10-2-81.

Nalini-Arvind and T.V. Patel Arts College, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat:

We congratulate Nalini-Arvind and T.V. Patel Arts College of Vallabh Vidyanagar and particularly its Principal Dr. D.D. Jadeja, for the award of Rs. 50,000/- granted to the College by the Gujarat State, because for 1979-80 it was adjudged the best college in the Gujarat State. We feel particularly happy because Dr. Jadeja is the Secretary for Forum for World Peace, an important activity of World Union, conducted ably by him under the auspices of Sardar Patel University.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

International Centre: (Report by Dr. Kamooben Patel, Coordinator):

Integrity Group organised Sibir (Seminar) at a place 20 kms. from Bangalore from 18th January to 23rd January 1981. It was attended by thirty people, from various states of India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Canada. Chris Foster and Joy Foster and four others from Canada 100 Mile House were the chief organizers of this Seminar. Sri N.S. Amin, the Coordinator of World Union for Western Region and the Secretary of World Union, Bombay Branch and Dr. Kamoo Patel of Pondicherry and Mr. J. Parekh, World Union member from Bombay also participated and brought very pleasant and inspiring impression of the activities which took place during these six days. The atmosphere itself was giving the effect of Integrity and oneness without any kind of discrimination, working together, enjoying together and living together.

Sri A. B. Patel and Dr. Kamooben Patel looked after the group of ten College women students and two Professors— Miss Jyotiben Bhatt (in charge) assisted by Miss Nirmala Christian—who visited Pondicherry for four to five days in the first week of February 1981 under Sardar Patel University (Vallabh Vidyanagar-Gujarat) National Integration Scheme. The group visited Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education including "Knowledge" and Kindergarten and saw the Physical Education activities with great interest. They also met the Registrar and some of the teachers. They also had sittings with Sri A. B. Patel who gave talks about Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's vision, World Union, Auroville etc.

National Centre-India: Members of the National Centre-India were at home to members of the Integrity Group of Canada on 23rd January 1981 at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, Basaranagudi, Bangalore. Chris Foster and Joy Foster of 100 Mile House, B. C. Canada and Dennis Brown, Canada represented the Group. Justice Sri Nittor Sreenivasa Rao, President, National Centre, welcomed them and introduced the World Union Movement and its relevance to the Present day world. The guests spoke appreciatively about the high ideals of World Union Movement and the excellent work being done by its members. They explained the objects and the working of Integrity Group in USA and Africa and expressed the hope that these two organizations will continue to work together for the good of mankind.

Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana gave an account of the National Convention to be held at Bangalore 7th through 9th June 1981 and invited them to participate. World Union members Sri J.T. Parekh and Sri N.S. Amin of Bombay and Dr. Kamooben Patel of Pondicherry attended as invitees. Dr. T. Prasannasimha Rao proposed a vote of thanks.

Bangalore: A talk on "Vedic Truths Through Scientific Thoughts" was delivered by Sri B.S. Anantha Swami Rao on 1-2-81. Introducing the subject, the Speaker said, the modern introspective mind refuses to accept the dictates and dogmas of religion on mere faith alone. Equipped with a scientific attitude, it tries to test the validity of every concept against the touch-stone of reasoning and analysis. Religion being the very backbone for individual action, there is a sustained effort to find a rational basis for religious thinking. The talk was based on such an adventure to evolve a rational basis for religions and spiritual thoughts. He explained with scientific formulas and diagrams answers to the questions of the nature of universe around us, the power that has created the universe, the place and purpose of man in the scheme of things. Quoting extensively from the Vedas, Upanishads and Bhagavad-geetha, he explained how the entire universe can be identified as made of three basic forms viz: (a) Matter 'M' (b) Energy 'E' (c) Consciousness 'C' and all the relevant phenomenon is explained by the formula. He concluded by stating that the attribute "Sanathana Dharma" is universal.

Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayan, who presided congratulated the speaker on his excellent exposition of Vedic truths and the scientific thoughts. He said that inspite of rapid knowledge of bio-physics and bio-chemistry the present knowledge of man to understand Nature is very limited. It is astonishing how our saints and sages with their tapasya, visualised facts and

revealed the secrets of nature, which the present day scientists have started to corroborate and confirm.

Bon-Hooghly : On 28.12.80. a one day Seminar was organised by the Bon-Hooghly Centre with the devotees of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother along with the members of nine World Union Centres. It was held at Netaji Colony Vidyayatan, B.T. Road, Calcutta 700050, that was divided into two Sessions—morning from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and evening from 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. The Seminar commenced with the most enchanting hymn "Durga Stotra" of Sri Aurobindo read out by Kumari Banasree Bhattacharya. All those present offered flowers with deep respect for Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and a group concentration followed for five minutes. A few minutes were scheduled for introduction with each other.

Dr. B. Bhattacharya read out the messages of goodwill received from respectable and renowned personalities and different brotherhood Centres. A letter with Mother's blessing from A. B. Patel, General Secretary, World Union International was also duly read out. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya inaugurated the Seminar and talked on the formation of the World Union and the utility of Yoga which is designed to effect the re-union of the devotee's soul with the universal spirit. Prof. (Dr.) Dwijesh Dutta Mazumder, Head of Dept. Electronic, Indian Statistical Institute, presided. He discussed the scientific advancement of the modern world and opined that the materialistic achievements of the present day science has brought the world near explosion although the use of science depended largely on how one used it.

Sri Purnendu Sekhar Chowdhury was the Chief Guest and spoke highly in appreciation of Sri Aurobindo's teaching, and Yoga which had a pivotal role for manifestation of oneself towards attainment of spiritual consciousness. A children's group—Kumari Banasree Bhattacharya, Sujata Sasmal and Juthika Ghosal recited the poem of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and described their views on the Mother. A young group—devotional music was offered by Sri Biplob Das and Smt. Das, Sri Debashish Dutta, Ashok Ray Chowdhury, Dulal Chandra Paul along with all the young participants taking active part in all respect to make the Conference a success.

Second Session : Sri Samiran Ghose—Presided while Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee inaugurated and Sri N.C. Ray was seated as the Chief Guest.

Sri Aurobindo Ayyaka Sadhana Kendra, Calcutta North Suburban Centre, Baranagar Centre, Rishra Centre, Alambazar Centre, New Alipur Centre, Palpara Centre, Bon-Hooghly Centre, Secretary, Regional Committee, West Bengal (Sri T.K. Sinha) and other devotees represented their views and discussed on the Secretary's report. Sri Samiran Ghose explained in short that falsehood, deception and vanity has no place in Sri Aurobindo's teachings. To know Sri Aurobindo's vision and the Divine, one has to search the truth with "Geeta" in one hand and "Sword" in the other. There are two distinct ways left open for us—one being the Spiritual way and the other 'Evil Way'. He finally exhorted all of us—all the devotees present in the Centre to opt for the "Spiritual Way" in life and work ceaselessly above self to ameliorate the cause of human brotherhood and attain peace and tranquility.

Alambazar: A meeting of this Centre was held on 23-1-81 at 6:00 PM on the

occasion of Netaji birthday under the Chairmanship of Sri Biswanath Mukherjee. The National Flag was unfurled by Sri D. K. Bhattacharjee, Chairman of the Centre. After garlanding the statue of Netaji and other Saheeds, the meeting started with the National Anthem, sung by Kumari Tripti Acharya. It was a large gathering.

Sri Amulya Kr. Chatterjee, the host, explained very nicely the background and the purpose of holding such birthday celebration every year. Sri Netai Basu of I. N. A. and Sri A. K. Banerjee, Prof. at Calcutta University gave eloquent speeches. Sri Panna Maity, a born poet, recited extempore poem. Sri Urmi Brata Chatterjee and Sri Haripada Majumdar also gave inspiring talks.

Sri D. K. Bhattacharjee and Sri B. K. Bhattacharjee of Bon-Hooghly Centre offering their respective homage to the leader critically analysed the activities of the leader. The Chairman, after giving a glorified tribute and presenting some quotations, said that Netaji is a proverbial figure whose uncompromising leadership, indomitable courage and self-denial hastened the cause of Indian Independence. The meeting ended with thanks by Sri Deba Brata Biswas. sweets and fruits were distributed to all participants.

Shillong: The monthly meeting of this Centre was held on 9-2-81 at Sri Aurobindo Pathagar under the Presidentship of Sri S. J. Das, I.A.S. (Retd.). Sri B. B. Dam initiated the discussion regarding the holding of the periodical National Convention of the World Union Centres in India, explaining the aims and objects of holding such National Conventions. The President requested all members of the Unit to enrol Patrons, Donors and Reception Committee members for the Third National Convention scheduled to be held at Bangalore in June and also to secure advertisements for the Souvenir to be issued in this occasion.

New Alipur: On 5th February, the monthly meeting started with recorded devotional songs by Sri Tinkari Banerjee. The ensuing saraswati puja was meditated upon with recorded recitation by the Mother on Mahasaraswati followed by its Bengali version by Nolinida. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee introduced the new Chairman, Dr. Amalendu Bose, to the members. He spoke a few words on his brilliant academic career as a Professor and head of the department of English in various universities like Banares, Aligarh and Calcutta. But above all he is brightened by his modesty and humility. Dr. Bose recited by his own choice – Sri Aurobindo's poem "Nirvana" in his lucid style.

Sri Rajen Ganguly of Sri Aurobindo Ashram made a great impact on the packed house when he spoke about his personal experiences on the Mother. He spoke on the Mahasaraswati aspect of the Mother, who is nearest to the physical nature. She wanted the people to come to her as divine children and not as human children with their petty demands for earthly pleasures. In this connection he mentioned how Sri Aurobindo searched to find a new way of life without bothering for traditional philosophies. Mother never cared for the defects and shortcomings of the people, provided they did not come to her with pretension. Arjuna came to Krishna with full faith and surrender, only then he could see the Biswarupa of the Divine.

[A small correction in the Office-Bearers (as printed in February'81): Chairman—Dr. Amalendu Bose, D.Phil(oxon), F.I.A.L.]

Uttarpara: The 89th monthly Seminar of this Centre was held on Saturday, the 10th January 1981 at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Calcutta at 5:30 PM when members of this Centre attended the annual lecture delivered by Sri M. P. Pandit on the subject "TRANSFORMATION: NEXT STEP (First Part)". Dr. Haraprasad Mitra presided.

In the 90th monthly meeting of the Centre held on 14-2-81 at Amarendra Vidyapith at 5:30 PM the members solemnly observed the 103th birth anniversary of the Mother. After group concentration and devotional song on the Mother, offered by Sri Sanat Bodok, the Chairman in his introductory speech briefly explained the significance of the celebration and read out a few words of the Mother. Sri S. K. Gupta spoke on the "Mahasaraswati" aspect of the Mother as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo in his "The Mother". Thereafter Sri M. P. Pandit's tape recorded speech on "The Mother and her way of Perfection" delivered at New Dawn on 15-1-81 was played. It was a very meaningful speech for the workers of World Union. With the closing song and distribution of "Prasad" the celebration ended at about 7:30 PM.

West Bengal Regional Centre: Zonal Seminar: Last Zonal Seminar (for the year 1980) of World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal was arranged by the South Calcutta Zone at New Alipore College, Calcutta on 22nd November 1980. After a sanskrit prayer by Mrs. Lakshmanan; the Chairman – Sri N. C. Dev gave an outline of the subject "What was Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana for and how does it relate to World Union?" He mentioned about Sri Aurobindo's five dreams with special emphasis on the 3rd dream of World Union forming the outer basis of a fairer, nobler and brighter life. Dr. Sudhansu Mohan Banerjee of Ramakrishna Mission spoke about Sri Aurobindo's idea in its wider aspect with suitable quotations from Savitri in his usual charming manner. He mentioned that Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana was not for salvation from life but for establishment of Life Divine on earth.

Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee stressed mainly on the two aspects of Sri Aurobindo's idea – evolution for higher truth and relation between one and many. Man is self-conscious and by aspiration and effort he can identify the soul – his highest personality – and transcend the ego. "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" is realised at that level which is the main theme of World Union. The next step is life Divine when man is integrally transformed by a higher power.

Sri Samar Basu said that Sri Aurobindo realised all aspects of the Divine e.g. Nirvana, Adwaita, Basudeva etc. by his Sadhana. He also emphasised on Yoga by man to transcend the National ego, which is the main obstacle at present for World Union. He briefly talked on the World Union movements since 1958. The meeting ended with a melodious programme on the "Life of Sri Aurobindo" by Sri Harendra Nath Mazumder and Smt. Arundhati Roy Chowdhury which kept the audience silent and spellbound. The house was packed by members from different spiritual organisations including Sri Aurobindo Centres, Ramakrishna Mission, Bahai Faith, Theosophical Society, Satya Sai Baba apart from a large number of teachers and intellectuals from New Alipore and other parts of Calcutta. Sri T. K. Sinha thanked all on behalf of Regional Centre. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee was the convenor of South Calcutta Zone.

10th Executive Committee Meeting: of the Regional Centre was held on 4th January

1981 at 3:00 P.M. at "New Dawn", 18A Ramdhone Mittra Lane, Calcutta 700004 and finalised the working programmes for the year 1981 with resolutions on matter relating to that. As Dr. Arun Kumar Sil, Chairman of the Centre was away, Sri Susanto Mitra, Vice-Chairman of the Centre presided over the meeting. The meeting commenced with three minutes of group concentration.

Among the resolutions adopted, the one of general interest is the decision to organise five Seminars as under:-

1st Seminar at Hooghly (Kamarkundu) on 29th March -- Convenor -- Sri Nirapada Das.

2nd Seminar at Ashoknagar in May -- Convenor -- Sri Benoyendra Nath Sarker and Swapan Roy.

3rd Seminar at Howrah in July -- Convenor -- Sri Basudeb Samanto and Sri Sushil Das.

4th Seminar at Calcutta in October -- Convenor -- Sri Sujit Kumar Palit.

5th Seminar at Midnapore in December -- Convenor -- Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee.

Exact dates of last four Seminars be finalised after consulting the respective Convenors. Seminar subjects be decided by Sri Samar Basu and Speakers be finally decided by Regional Committee along with respective Convenors.

Hyderabad: A Seminar on World Union was held on 9-1-81 at Y.M.C.A. Narayanaguda, Hyderabad, under the Chairmanship of Dr. P.N. Bindu in which eminent lawyers, teachers and other social workers participated. Sri Kashinath Advocate, Hon. Secretary of the Centre introduced the subject of the Seminar. World Unity and world peace, he said, is the prime necessity of the day without which the entire human civilization will be in grave danger. Once Dr. Einstein was asked: "What weapons will be used in the Third World War?" The great scientist replied "I will tell you about the Fourth World War. Only stones and sticks will be used in that war." It clearly meant that with the next World War man will go back to the cave and stone age in his civilization. Hence the world peace is a must for humanity.

Dr. Vishnuswaroop, Professor of Hindi of the Osmania University, stated that mutual distrust, selfishness and exploitation of man by man was the main cause of present ailments of humanity. The great Rishis of this land have constantly pleaded against such human weaknesses for the betterment and happiness of mankind. The Infinite Brahman is living in all living beings, a part of which are the human beings. Hence we must work for the betterment of all and then only this world will be one and full of happiness. Sri Mallikarjuna Rao, eminent Sarvodaya leader, said that all the noble teachings of our great rishis went around one ideal -- human unity and happiness. Yoga is meant for human happiness and advancement and it is wrong to say that Yoga stands for individual happiness.

Sri Laxman Rao Karchalkar, Advocate, said, the present man and his whole civilization is greatly influenced by the capitalist order. There are rich classes and nations in the world unable to know what to do with their ever increasing wealth and there are millions of poor and starving human beings throughout the world unable to live as human beings. He urged all the governments of the world to see that no human being goes to bed without bread. Sri N. Laxminarayana, Advocate, pleaded for world unity through human equality and fraternity without which no world peace was possible.

The Chairman, Dr. P.N. Bindu, in his concluding remarks said our great Rishis had long ago told us of world unity and human equality—"Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"—this whole world is a single family of human beings as well as living beings. We must realise that the cosmic force, which is the source of all life on the planet called the earth and possibly on other planets, desires human unity, peace and happiness. Hence World Union is the only possible way for human happiness. Sri Seshachary, advocate, proposed a vote of thanks.

Mysore: A talk on "Unification of Mankind" by Swami Harshanandaji, correspondent, Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education, Mysore was arranged under the auspices of this Centre at 6:00 P.M. on 23.1.81. The gist of the hour long illuminating talk was: Unification of mankind is no doubt the ideal and most desirable thing but how to achieve it is the problem. It has been found that either Religion or language cannot achieve it, what with so many religions and umpteen languages throughout the world. It is very unfortunate that religion which is a powerful uniting force is also a force of division. Some attempts were made by men like Alexander to unite the world politically which was also not successful. So the greatest common factor (G.C.F.) of mankind should be found out and oneness built around it. It is the Spirit that is the same in everyone. Awareness of commonness and unity should be taught from childhood and the mass media, radio and television should be used for getting quick results of moral and spiritual education leading to unification of mankind.

After a minute's silent prayer for world peace, Shri B.V. Balasubrahmanyam, Chairman of the Centre who presided, welcomed the Chief Guest and the invitees. Swami Harshanandaji was introduced by Shri M.K. Rameswaram, Coordinator. Shri M.S. Vijaya Shankar, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer extended a vote of thanks.

North Calcutta: Reports of many of the earlier activities have not been sent by this Centre but it completed its 82nd monthly meeting on 20th January 1981. The following programmes of the Centre have been going on regularly at "New Dawn". 18A Ramdhone Mittra Lane, Calcutta 700004. (a) Monthly Study Circle class on 2nd Saturday of every English Calendar month. (b) Monthly Meeting on 20th of every English Calendar month. (c) Weekly circles and programmes of Cultural Exchange with other Organisation on Sundays at 6:00 P.M. (d) Weekly Mass Meditation on Sundays from 7:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. During the period following speakers at the Centre on different subjects: (a) Prof. Debi Prosad Sen; (b) Sri Satya Bose; (c) Sri Samar Basu; (d) Sri Purnendu Prosad Bhattacharjee; and (e) Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee.

Members of the Centre welcomed Sri Chhedilal, Ex. Lt. Governor of Pondicherry and at present Chairman of World Union Delhi Centre, twice at New Dawn. He first visited on 18.12.79 and spoke of his memories of the Mother. For the Second time he visited the Centre on 21.12.80 and spoke on the subject "The Future of World Union Movement" and on his second visit he was introduced by Sri T.K. Sinha, was welcomed by Sri Satya Bose, Secretary of Sri Aurobindo Pathmandir and regards paid to him by the Vice-Chairman Sri Sujit Kumar Palit. While speaking on the subject Chhedilalji assured that union is a must and clarified how nature and mankind through all odds are progressing to that.

On 20th January 1981 in the Centre's 82nd monthly meeting Dr. Sukumar Mookherjee and Sri Samar Basu spoke on "Sadhana of Sri Aurobindo and World Union Movement".

Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee developed his speech centering the point that the consciousness for manifesting World Union should be acquired through Sadhana. With the light of soul mankind should progress from "what is" to "what will be". In describing nature's progress he illustrated from Human Cycle and clarified the failures and successes of the mechanical approaches in forming "League of Nations", U.N.O., etc. Dr. Mukherjee concluded that true World Union is possible on the basis of the Truth of spirit and outwardly we are to arrange our activities with the aspiration for acquiring "four-fold perfections" in all spheres for the manifestation of supramental consciousness.

Sri Samar Basu said that to establish divine life on earth should be our aim. Through World Union Organization we should range the activities of World Union Movement for the manifestation of World Union consciousness in all fields of humanity. True World Union was the step to go up from the present manifested world to the world of divine life. He also mentioned that through League of Nations, U.N.O. and other World Organisations mankind was gradually approaching towards World Union. Mankind should try to acquire physical comfort, mental freeness and dynamic life force not for their sake but for the sake of God. Nations, world and universe is harmonised in the values of soul and yoga was the only way to be placed in those values.

New Centres:

CIL Layout Centre: This New Centre was opened during January 1981 under inspiration and guidance of Sri B. Krishnaswamy, the Coordinator of Southern Region in India. Sri B.K. Raghavan is the Secretary and Treasurer and his address is also the address of the Centre being: A 28 CIL Layout, Rajmahal, Vilas, 2nd Stage, BANGALORE 560024.

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VOICE OF HUMANITY

There are large number of world problems which require urgent attention and solutions to safeguard the future of mankind. Humanity has to make a choice for proper solutions of these problems unless it wishes to drift towards a disaster and to disappear from planet Earth as other species did in the past. It is essential for the purpose to have an elected world parliament as a part of a Democratic Federal World Government having adequate authority and institutional structure to work out and implement peaceful solutions to world problems to make this Earth a good place to live.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Fourth Convention of World Constitution and Parliament Association:

The Fourth Convention of World Constitution and Parliament Association met at Constitution Club, Vithalbhai Patel Building, New Delhi from the 21st to 24th February 1981, primarily to intensify the campaign for the ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth which was adopted at Innsbruck, Austria, in June 1977. It was a well organised and well attended Convention with the participation in it by many members of the Indian Parliament, particularly by several members of the Parliamentary Group for World Government in the Indian Parliament. The credit for the success of the Convention goes to the India Committee of World Constitution and Parliament Association, of which Shri Godey Murahari, Former Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha, is the President and Shri Puran Singh Azad is the General Secretary, and to the Office-Bearers of WCPA, particularly to its Secretary General Mr. Philip Isely.

Welcome address was delivered by Shri Ram Nivas Mirdha, M. P., Chairman of the Reception Committee of WCPA, on the 21st February 1981 at 10:00 A.M. The Convention was inaugurated by Shri Balram Jakhar, Speaker of India's Lok Sabha, who made an inspiring speech on the occasion. It is proposed to make only brief reference to the proceedings of the Convention which lasted for four days, discussed several important subjects and heard many prominent delegates from India and abroad. After the inauguration of the Convention Mr. Reinhart Ruge, Co-President of WCPA, President of Mexican Branch of WCPA and Sri

A. B. Patel, Co-President of WCPA, Vice-President of India Branch of WCPA and General Secretary of World Union spoke on "The Task Ahead". There were very lively and interesting debates during the four days of the Convention and often inspiring and instructive speeches by the delegates. We shall await to receive the report of the proceedings. However, it is advisable and essential to publish now a Statement, which was moved by Mr. Philip Isely, the Secretary General of WCPA, in the afternoon of the 23rd February 1981. The Statement was entitled "Call For The Provisional World Parliament". There was very interesting debate on it, particularly by Shri H. V. Kamath. Several amendments were moved to the Statement but all of them were rejected by the delegates. The Statement was adopted as drafted with only two votes cast against it. It reads:

1. At this moment, all people on earth are confronted daily with imminent and growing threats of universal catastrophe in nuclear war, while at the same time many other problems also urgently require solutions on a planetary scale if the people in any locality are to survive and prosper.

2. Although this situation has persisted for many years and grown much worse despite many protests since the end of World War II, there is very little chance that we can continue on the same collision course much longer without total disaster.

3. The obvious remedy which leading thinkers have pointed out for several decades is to establish a democratic federal world government with an elected Parliament which is empowered to work out global solutions to the common problems of humanity. Protest against war and armaments must be combined with the creation of world federation, in order to escape destruction and build a peaceful human society on Earth.

4. Before world federation can be established, however, agreement must be reached on a world constitution which defines the structure, the powers and the functioning of a non-military world government. Fortunately, a Constitution for the Federation of Earth adequate to serve the needs of humanity both now and in the future, although still subject to amendments, has already been prepared at sessions of a World Constituent Assembly during the past few years and is now being circulated world-wide for provisional ratification by the Nations and people of Earth.

5. But to complete the process of ratification may take 5 or 10 years or longer. Meanwhile the mad rush towards nuclear holocaust goes unchecked.

6. Action is needed immediately to establish a Provisional World Parliament, which can take some action to halt and reverse the arms race, and go to work constructively on other urgent world problems. In this way, a Provisional World Parliament can gain strength as an effective rallying ground for humanity, while demonstrating in practice a constructive approach towards solving world problems.

7. To move in this direction, the Constitution for the Federation of Earth under Article XIX does in fact provide for the organization a Provisional World Parliament.

(Call to the Provisional World Parliament—action part)

THEREFORE—

I. We do hereby issue this Call for a Provisional World Parliament to convene under

Article XIX of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. The venue for the first sessions shall be as follows, subject to decision at subsequent session of the Parliament:

1982 — the first two weeks of September, in England.

1983 — the first two weeks of July, in Nigeria.

a convenient time and convenient location in Asia.

1984 — (at the end of December, in Asia/Latin America.)

II. The business of these first sessions of the Provisional World Parliament shall be to take actions on the most crucial global problems which affect the survival and welfare of humanity, as well as technical requirements for the establishment of democratic federal world government, with the following high on the list of priorities but not limited thereto:

1. Action to outlaw nuclear weapons and all weapons of mass destruction, and to establish a World Disarmament Agency to supervise disarmament.

2. Action to establish a World Economic Development Organisation, together with the necessary global financial institutions, which can direct the use of financial and other resources and human talent away from armaments and war to serve the peaceful needs of humanity.

3. Action to develop a global crash programme for solar energy, so that the living environment on Earth can be protected from fossil fuel and nuclear pollutions, while giving everybody adequate supplies of safe energy.

4. Action to claim ownership and supervision of the oceans and seabeds from 20 kilometers offshore, as the undivided heritage and property of humanity.

5. Begin work on solutions to the problems of world food supply and all related problems.

6. Establish the World Ombudsman to protect human and civil rights.

7. Establish a World University system to prepare people to work on trans-national problems from planetary and human-value perspectives.

8. Take actions on other world problems and create the necessary organs and agencies of world government, even if on a provisional basis, as may be found appropriate and feasible, in accordance with Sections D and E of Article XIX of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth.

9. Define the boundaries for World Electoral and Administrative Regions and Districts for the conduct of World elections and functioning of the World Government.

10. Decide the next session of the World Constituent Assembly, which can act on proposals for amendments to the Constitution for the Federation of Earth.

11. To evolve strategy to provide humanity with full opportunity to work, develop and fulfil themselves individually and as members of larger aggregates.

12. To preserve the ecological balance of nature and to establish an international environment protection agency.

III. Delegates to these first sessions of the Provisional World Parliament shall be individuals and representatives who accept the Constitution for the Federation of Earth as

the basic working document for the Parliament, and whose credentials are obtained under one of the following conditions:

(a) By 500 signatures on election petitions, using forms approved by the general steering committee for the Parliament.

(b) By resolutions of one or more organizations which give support to the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, and which have a combined total of at least 1000 members.

(c) By resolution of national parliament giving provisional ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth and authorising delegates thereto.

(d) By resolutions of communities and universities for ratification or provisional ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth and authorising delegates thereto.

(e) By securing at least 1000 votes in any official community, state or national election where support for the Constitution for the Federation of Earth is part of the candidates recorded election campaign.

(f) By the re-confirmation of support for the Constitution for the Federation of Earth by delegates to previous sessions of the World Constituent Assembly or by delegates elected to the Peoples Congress.

IV. All persons who propose to attend the Provisional World Parliament are requested to notify the General Steering Committee for the Parliament as soon as possible.

During the Convention four Commissions were appointed on four different subjects. The Commissions were met separately at an appointed time and submitted their reports, which were placed before the Convention and were adopted with amendments. One of these reports on travel by well qualified persons to various countries to obtain action by parliaments, communities and universities, presented by Mr. Reinhart Ruge, the Commissions's Chairman, was amended radically and a Committee was appointed to suggest names of persons who would travel at their own expense to various countries and also to suggest names of countries which should be visited first, because atmosphere for necessary work was ready in such countries. On the last day afternoon Miss Kumudben M. Joshi, Union Deputy Minister of Information and Broadcasting, spoke and released a Souvenir.

There were several well arranged functions which the delegates attended, including lunches and dinners provided by individuals. On the whole the Convention was a great success and the arrangements were found very satisfactory.

The business meeting of WCPA was held on Wednesday the 25th February at 10:00 A. M. at Janpath Hotel when necessary work was done for appointment of Office-Bearers, Trustees and a legal advisor of WCPA. Mr. Reinhart Ruge and Sri A. B. Patel were re-appointed Co-Presidents and Mr. Philip Isely Secretary General. The meeting decided that Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe of Sri Lanka and Sri Puran Singh Azad of New Delhi should act as Joint Secretaries.

World Union New Delhi Centre:

On the 24th February 1981 at 6:00 P.M. A. B. Patel addressed a meeting organised by World Union New Delhi Centre in collaboration with Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan at the premises

of the Bhavan on "Future of India and the World in the light of Sri Aurobindo". The meeting commenced with eastern and western music reminding the audience of the oneness of the world. Among present were Shri Parmanand, 92 years old worker in several fields of life, Dr. Karan Singh, Dr. M. P. Chhaya, Samar Basu, Swami Poorna Swatantra, Chhedi Lal, J.N. Puri, Dr. Kamoooben Patel, Jagannath Khanna. The Speaker laid emphasis on how Sri Aurobindo has foreseen that India is destined to reorganise whole earth life on a spiritual basis.

There was also a meeting organised by World Union Delhi Centre under the Chairmanship of Shri Chhedi Lal at his residence on February 25, 1981 at 5.30 P.M. when A.B. Patel spoke on "Evolutionary Process towards World Union". Among those present were Sarvshri Kartarsingh Bagga, Samar Basu, Swami Poorna Swatantra, J.N. Puri, Jagannath Khanna, Dr. R.K. Bhan, Dr. D. P. Pandey, Dr. M. P. Chhaya, Dr. M. M. Nath and Dr. Kamoooben Patel. A.B. Patel pointed out how for his collective life man has moved from family to city or village to clan or tribe to caste, to region and to national units and how he is destined to move to englobe whole humanity as a result of evolutionary process.

On the 2nd March 1981 Shri J.N. Puri attended the meeting of the Indian Non-Governmental Organizations held at the Conference Hall of the United Nations Office. The function was arranged to enable Indian NGOs to meet Mrs. Sally S. Shelley, Chief of NGO Section, External Relations Division, Department of Public Information, United Nations Headquarters, New York. Shri Puri represented World Union and World Citizens Assembly. The function was well attended and the Indian NGOs felt the need for joining hands for common purposes and to know from Mrs. Shelley all what was planned to take place in the next few years in the United Nations. She briefed the NGOs on various International Conferences that will take place in the next few years and on the various priorities in the Global Problems of the next ten years as part of the new decade 1981-1990. She attached great importance to the work to be done in the next decade for providing clean drinking water and sanitation for which purpose World Bank is expected to advance large sums of money. She spoke at some length as a result of which it was decided to rejuvenate the Indian NGOs by reorganizing their work and by holding the next All-India Conference perhaps in New Delhi in March 1982. The Project was discussed at some length and a Committee was set up with Shri J.N. Puri, Miss Ivy Khan and Mr. Jaffri as members to do the needful.

Executive Committee of World Union:

The 22nd Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at Pondicherry at 2.30 P.M. on Friday, the 24th April 1981, agenda for which has already been circulated. The report of its proceedings will be published in June Focus.

Third National Convention of World Union Centres in India:

Rail Concession is available for the participants in the above Convention to be held at Bangalore on the 7th, 8th and 9th June 1981.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Sodepur: The Mother's birthday was observed on 21st February 1981, which was also the monthly meeting date of the Centre, at MIG-24 P.O. Sodepur, 24 Parganas, Sri Bimal Bose presided over the function. The Chief Guest Sri Provash Ch. Sinha described Ashram's life to the invitees. Special Guest Sri Pabitra Sengupta discussed the World Union Movement and significance of that date. Smt. Ranjana Mitra presented a dance-drama. Sm. Shampa Ghosh and Sri Mihir De offered devotional songs. Sri Sankar Bhattacharya, the Secretary proposed a vote thanks.

Sultanpur: In the third meeting of the Centre, held on 3-2-81 at the residence of Sri Ram Krishna Jaiswal, the founder of this Centre, Sri Shaktidhar Bahugana, Lecturer, Education Section, Kamla Nehru Institute of Technology, Sultanpur was appointed Joint Secretary of the Centre. For active furtherance of the programmes to be organised for attainment of the aims and objectives of the World Union Movement and for enhancing the number of members in the Centre, meetings of the Centre will be held twice every month—the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The meeting thanked Shri S.P. Garg, Chairman, Kshettriya Gramin Bank, Sultanpur for kindly giving Rs. 100.00 as donation towards meeting the expenditure incurred in the inauguration function of the Centre on 24-11-80.

Patel Nagar & Muzaffarnagar: A joint meeting of these two Centres was held on 14-3-81. Many prominent persons attended the meeting. After meditation for a few minutes S.R. Emperor, President explained the aims and objects of World Union, the importance of the bill of Shri H.V. Kamath, the talks of Sri A.B. Patel and Sri M.P. Pandit (delivered at several places during their tour) and read out all the detailed programmes about the Third National Convention of World Union Centres in India, to be held at Bangalore on the 7th, 8th and 9th June 1981. The meeting ended with devotional music and vote of thanks.

New Centres:

Sundarika: This New Centre was opened in February 1981. Sri Sukdeb Mukhopadhyay is the Chairman and Sri Panchanan Biswas is the Secretary cum Treasurer. The address of the Centre is that of the Secretary being: World Union Sundarika Centre, Vill: Sundarika, P.O. KALATALAHAT, Dist: 24 Parganas, West Bengal.

Seshadripuram: This New Centre was formed during the first week of March 1981, under inspiration and guidance of Sri B. Krishnaswamy, the Coordinator of World Union in the Southern Region. Smt. R. Ambujamma is the Chairperson and Smt. Shamantha Dore-

swamy is the Secretary. The address of the Centre is that of the Chairperson being: World Union Seshadripuram Centre, C/o Smt. R. Ambujamma, No. 66, III Road, Seshadripuram, BANGALORE 560020.

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WORLD CITIZEN – UNIVERSAL PERSON

The Time-Spirit and Evolutionary Process demand from every human being to conduct himself or herself as a World Citizen and to endeavour to his or her utmost to be a universal person. As every heroic soul worked in the past to be a true citizen of his or her city state, clan state, tribal state, regional state and now works as a true citizen of his or her national state, time has come in the human affairs when every heroic soul must be a true world citizen. To become free from racial discrimination, religious intolerance, social inequality, greed for money and possessions, ideological conflicts and all kinds of vanity, pride or arrogance in his or her individual and/or collective life, it is essential that one must widen the horizon of one's mind and broaden one's heart and become a universal person. Nationalism has become out of date. Narrow and/or fanatic attitudes breed parochialism, selfishness and narrowness of mind and heart.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The Celebration of World Citizens Day in New Delhi:

The World Citizens Day was celebrated in New Delhi on the 20th March 1981 by holding a function under the joint auspices of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New India Movement, Indian Housewives Federation, World Union Delhi Centre and the World Citizens Assembly Centre. The function was successful and those who attended it were inspired by the ideal of World Citizenship.

On the 15th March 1981 Shri J.N. Puri tape-recorded the following message for sending to San Francisco, the headquarters of World Citizens Assembly. The message reads: "This is J.N. Puri calling from India. You will kindly recall that I was at the first session of the World Citizens Assembly held in July 1975 and am since then doing my little bit to promote the ideals for which this great organization stands. As of today this work has multiplied in India and elsewhere manifold. So I am no longer alone from New Delhi and we are many. We are, therefore, calling from newly established World Citizens Centre which is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Savitri Nigam. Nigams have devoted their life for the good of humanity and

served the causes of children, women and all other needy persons. Now with the visit of Mrs. Helen Tucker, Secretary, World Citizens Assembly they have decided to dedicate themselves to all the various worthy causes like Human Unity, World Government and building a World Community. They have attended the recent Convention of the World Constitution and Parliament Association held in New Delhi and they have actively involved themselves in this sacred task.

"We want to announce that the first session of the Provisional World Parliament has been set for 1982 in England. We are now planning to elect delegates from mundialized towns and villages of India. In this sacred and most important task all the World Union Centres in India and elsewhere are supporting and our work will now grow faster. We want that all World Citizens wherever they are stationed, whether in small villages or big towns, they must try their very best to build the New Age Community together. So please light a candle from India in the circle of light. We all join you whole-heartedly and sincerely for your efforts for Peace on Planet Earth and join all those mentally and physically working for the goodwill towards all mankind. WITH GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES WE WISH TO STOP HERE."

In Pondicherry:

The World Citizens Day was celebrated in Pondicherry on 20-3-81, under the auspices of World Union at the premises of Sri M.P. Pandit. It was a successful function. The inspiring speech delivered by Sri Pandit for the occasion has appeared as an editorial in the April 1981 issue.

In Bombay :

Sri N.S. Amin informs that under the joint auspices of World Union and World Citizens Assembly, the World Citizens Day was celebrated at 6:30 P.M. on 20-3-81 at Sangam, Poddar Road, Bombay. The function commenced with two minutes silent meditation. Sri N.S. Amin addressed the gathering and referred to the activities of the World Citizens Assembly, World Association of World Federalists, World Constitution and Parliament Association and World Union. He mentioned that though many of the specialised agencies of the United Nations are able to solve successfully some of the world problems and difficulties and to help in promoting global consciousness, yet the United Nations has failed after 33 years to live upto the hopes and aspirations of mankind. He asserted that all those, who aspire to establish a more just and prosperous future for humanity, feel that it cannot be achieved within the limits provided by the existence of national sovereignty. He further added that humanity is facing at present many complex global problems. If humanity is to survive, these global problems have to be effectively solved by duly constituted World Government. Sri P.G. Shukla said that World Union has collaborated with the World Citizens Assembly programme and is participating in today's celebration. He moved the resolution: "Every member should concentrate and pray for one minute for the establishment of Peace on this Earth." Sri Amar

Jariwala and Yogiraj Kartar Singh Bagga supported the resolution. Sri Amar Jariwala pointed out that Mahatma Gandhi had a vision for One World and he quoted from Mahatma Gandhi: "My nationalism is intense internationalism." Yogiraj Kartar Singh Bagga briefly referred to the work done by the World Citizens Assembly. He thanked World Union and the hosts Sri Pravinbhai Shukla and Smt. Suvarnaben Shukla for organizing this function. The meeting ended with meditation. Soft drinks and fruits were distributed to all participants.

In Vallabh Vidyanagar:

World Citizens Day was celebrated at Vallabh Vidyanagar on the 20th March 1981 by the Forum for World Peace, Sardar Patel University. Prof. M. G. Parekh, a political scientist of Ahmedabad, was the main speaker. On the occasion Prof. M.G. Parekh formally inaugurated a booklet in Gujarati on "Human Unity and World Peace" written by Prof. Jyoti Thanaki. The booklet is based on Sri Aurobindo's and Mother's thoughts on the subject. It is published by Sardar Patel University under the auspices of Shri Hari Om Ashram Prerit Shri Arvind Darshan Trust. It was a befitting inaugural on World Citizens Day.

Prof. M.G. Parekh spoke on "Gandhi Marg and Present Day International Politics". He said that today every form of polity, democratic or authoritarian is under a squeeze. The present crisis is not merely political or economic. It is a crisis of technological civilization. It is a moral and spiritual crisis as well.

In no sector of human affairs the impact of this crisis is more unsettling than in the sphere of international relations. The accelerative depletion and denudation of the earth, pollution of air, water and land, the explosive growth of population, mounting threat of new weaponry, all these have created a situation in which traditional modes of conducting international relations have largely lost their functionality and many a time they prove counter-productive. The old institutions and priorities are in a total flux. In fact, a situation has arisen in which the ideal of world unity and a survival of human species have become synonymous. Sri Aurobindo has prophesized long ago: "... the drive of nature and compulsion of circumstances and the present and future need of mankind make it (the ideal of world unity) inevitable".

To reduce tensions, to resolve conflicts and promote understanding and cooperation, new modes of conducting international relations are necessary. Modes of conflicts orientated polity cannot promote cooperation oriented polity. Promotion of detente, decrease in arms expenditure, movement towards universal disarmament, reduction of North-South gap, and all such tasks need a bold and constructive approach. Traditional diplomatic behaviour are bound to prove dysfunctional in these matters. An indepth study of Gandhi's leadership role and an indepth study of psychological dimensions of his modes of struggle are bound to prove rewarding for devising new modes for conducting international relations. In fact the main thrust of Gandhian ideology is towards evolving modes of behaviour which can dilute pseudo-species mentality of man. Pseudo-species mentality is the main hurdle against inter-

national cooperation. In that sense Gandhi Marg has more relevance today than ever before.

Prof. Parekh was welcomed and introduced by Dr. B.C. Shah, Dr. B.G. Shukla recited a vedic prayer. Prof. R K. Desai proposed a vote of thanks.

In Tirupattur:

The World Union members celebrated on 20-3-81 World Citizens day. Sri D. Subramaniam, the Chairman of the Centre, acted as a moderator. Three different groups under the Chairmanships of Sri M. Karthikeyan, Sri K. Gopal and Sri S. Balchandran formed three panels. The issue was "The process of forming a world is more hasten by socio-economic necessities, political motivations and spiritual needs." The panel discussions brought out very thought-provoking ideas. Sri Balasubramaniam proposed a vote of thanks.

In Shillong:

The World Citizens Day was celebrated by the members of the Shillong World Union Centre by holding a function at Sri Aurobindo Pathagar under the Presidentship of Dr. J. Joseph, Deputy Director of Botanicals Survey of India. Sri B.B. Dam, in his introductory speech, explained the purpose of celebrating World Citizens Day by World Union members. On ringing of a peace bell, five minutes silence was observed by the members and they all prayed to God for effecting human unity. Seven candles were then lit in a circle in the names of seven countries of the world reported to be observing this day. Prof. Sudhangshu Ranjan Bhattacharjee spoke on "Oneness of Humanity". After the Presidential address, the function was concluded by exchange of greetings among members present.

In Sultanpur:

World Union Sultanpur Centre organised the function to celebrate the World Citizens Day on March 20, 1981 at 5:30 PM at the residence of Dr. D.C. Banik, President of World Union Sultanpur Centre. The celebrations were well attended and started with 'Havan' for World Peace and prosperity. Sri Ram Sahai Srivastava, Director of Local Sugar Mill and the Chief Guest of the function on the occasion made very significant observations: "The aim and objectives of the World Union International Organization reminds one of GITA, the song eternal of Lord Krishna which advocates the common origin of all animate and inanimate objects of this Universe, the presence of One Lord dwelling equally in all though it stands divided amongst beings, adoption of Sam-budhi Yoga towards all, men and in all circumstances one is placed in, without a sense of pride, hypocrisy, violence in thought, word and deed, showing of kindness and a sense of service to all creatures. The propagation of these aims by Lord Krishna in Gita is purposive, the goal being to bring back the erring man on the path of true knowledge and attainment of salvation through Gyan Yoga and Karma Yoga. And he has no doubt that the world at large will veer round and adopt the ideal of building a world community on principles of love, amity, non-violence in thoughts and actions."

Sri Prabhakar, Secretary of the Local Centre, elucidated the significance of the celebrations on Spring Equinox and Holi festival for victory of truth and righteousness over forces of evil symbolised respectively by Bhakt Prahlad and Rakshashni Holika. The Human Unity Message was sent by the Local Centre to Sri A. B. Patel, General Secretary of World Union in Pondicherry and to Sri J. N. Puri, Secretary of World Union Delhi Centre on the latter's request, and was also read out for the information of the attending members. Other speakers at the function were Shri J.N. Seth, Sri R. B. Singh, Sri Bechu Singh, Sri Nathu Singh Tohia and Sri R.K. Jaiswal; all of whom emphasised the concept of 'Vasudaiva Kutumbakam', the base of the World Union Movement, as essentially Indian in character and that it is in consonance with the teaching of all religions. The function came to a close with the thanks-giving remarks of Dr. D.C. Banik and distribution of sumptuous prasad along with tea by the host.

After the receipt of the communication from Shri J.N. Puri dated 5-3-81, "The Humanity Message" was sent to Sri A.B. Patel and Sri J. N. Puri by World Union Sultanpur Centre. It is a long document and we give a few excerpts from it:

"In the circumstances prevailing now, we must reorientate and widen our intellectual horizon to develop internationalism in our thoughts and actions, as man belongs to one race and one religion only, irrespective of the country and community he is living in since yore. In the words of Swami Vivekananda, universally acclaimed world saint, 'Each soul is potentially Divine' and the ultimate objective of this human race and religion is 'to manifest this divinity within by controlling nature, external and internal'".

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"Today the world has to be made conscious of this 'religion of man' for developing: (1) an universal feeling of love, affection and brotherhood amongst so called races and communities and (ii) a social service sense for helping the needy people for their upliftment individually and socially."

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"Now is the propitious time for all of us to act and dedicate ourselves to achieve global unity and for building a World Community on spiritual foundations. 'It is my world, your world, our world for the common good of all'".

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"May the gospel of the Spirit triumph over the demands of flesh and blood, ushering in an era of love, peace and prosperity on the surface of our planet—that is our humble prayer to the Providence on this auspicious day of Spring Equinox."

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Sad Demise of Dr. Henry Winthrop:

We have learnt, with deep regret, of the passing of our old and valued friend Dr. Henry Winthrop whose learned papers have appeared so often in the pages of the World Union journal. We convey our sympathies to Mrs. Gussie Winthrop and place on record our gratitude to the departed elder for his spontaneous services to the World Union Movement.

Programme of the Third National Convention of World Union Centres of India—Bangalore:

**June 7th 1981 — 9:30 AM Inauguration at Belagodu Kala Mantap 313, 40th Cross,
8th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560011 — Phone: 606399.**

- 1. 9:30 to 9:35 AM — Invocation**
- 2. 9:35 to 9:45 AM — Welcome Speech by Sri N. S. Rao, Chairman, National Reception Committee, Bombay.**
- 3. 9:45 to 9:50 AM — Messages by Sri B. V. Subbarayan, Convenor.**
- 4. 9:50 to 9:55 AM — Report of National Centre by Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, Secretary, National Centre.**
- 5. 9:55 to 10:00 AM — Lighting the Lamp by Smt. Chandra Govind Narayan.**
- 6. 10:00 to 10:15 AM — Inauguration by Sri Govind Narayan, Governor of Karnataka.**
- 7. 10:15 to 10:30 AM — Keynote address by Sri M. P. Pandit, Chairman, International Centre, Pondicherry.**
- 8. 10:30 to 10:40 AM — Release of Souvenir by Sri A. B. Patel, General Secretary & Treasurer, International Centre, Pondicherry.**
- 9. 10:40 to 11:15 AM — Speech by Chief Guest, Dr. R. M. Varma Emeritus Professor, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Science, Bangalore.**
- 10. 11:15 to 11:25 AM — President's Speech by Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao.**
- 11. 11:25 to 11:30 AM — Vote of thanks by Sri K. S. Sridharan, Convenor.**

June 7th 1981	— 4:00 PM Panel discussion — Place: Belagodu Kala Mantap
Theme	— The Practice of Oneness: The Caring Community
President	— Sri A. B. Patel, General Secretary & Treasurer International Centre, Pondicherry.
Participants	— Representatives of similar minded organizations.
	— 6:30 PM Cultural Programme: Dance, Drama and Skit.
Place	— Belagodu Kala Mantap.
8th June 1981	— Commissions: Theme "The Practice of Oneness The Caring Community"

- 9:00 AM** — **Commission 1.**
'Oneness of Mankind; World Union Concept'
Chairman: Sri Thandeveswara, I.R.A.S.
Management Consultant and
Past President World Union Bangalore Centre.
- 11:00 AM** — **Commission 2.**
'Identification of Disintegrating Forces'
Chairman: Dr. Roma Chaudhuri, M.A., Ph.D., (Oxford) Vice-Chancellor, Rabindra Bharati University (Retd.), Calcutta.
- 4:00 PM** — **Commission 3.**
'Instrumentation; The Caring Community'
Chairman: Sri K. S. Narasimha Murthy, I.A.S.,
Divisional Commissioner (Retd.)
- 6:00 PM** — **Commission 4.**
Integration — 'The Programme of Work'
Chairman: Sri Chhedi Lal, Ex. Lt. Governor of Pondicherry State, Ex. Ambassador to Panama, Chairman, World Union Delhi Centre.
Place: Belagodu Kala Mantap
- 7:30 PM** — **Cultural Programme 2 "Devotional Songs"**
Place: Belagodu Kala Mantap
- 9th June 1981** — **Place: Belagodu Kala Mantap**
- 9 AM to 10 AM** — **General Body Meeting:**
(1) Prayer; (2) Reading of Notice of General Body Meeting;
(3) Welcome by National President; (4) Report by National Secretary; (5) Resolutions; (6) Amendments to Rules; (7) Election of Office-bearers; (8) Any other subject by permission of Chair; (9) President's Speech; (10) Vote of thanks.
- 10 AM to 11 AM** — **Concluding Session:**
(1) Consideration of Statement of the Convention and adoption.
(2) President's concluding remarks.
- 11 AM to 12 PM** — **1st National Council Meeting:**
(1) Welcome Speech; (2) President's Opening remarks;
(3) Secretary's report; (4) Adoption of accounts for the year 1980-81; (5) Co-option of ten members to the National Council; (6) Election of ten members to the National Exe-

cutive Committee; (7) Any other subject by permission of the Chair; (8) Vote of thanks.

12 PM to 1 PM — Meeting of Presidents and Secretaries of World Union Centres—India.

1. Consideration of Working Paper for the year 1981-82
2. Farewell.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bombay: World Union and Sri Aurobindo Society Chembur Branch requested Sri M.P. Pandit to give series of talks on The Ideal of Human Unity, The Human Cycle and Savitri from December, 31, 1980 to January 5, 1981. talks were illuminating and thought provoking and the members experienced Mother's intense presence throughout the series.

Under the joint auspices of World Union Bombay Centre, Sri Aurobindo Society Chembur Branch, Sanctuary of Peace and Harmony, Friends of Yoga Society a reception was held on 14-3-81 at Bristol Grill in honour of Sri M.P. Pandit, Chairman of World Union on his return to India after the tour of Europe and England. Sri N.S. Rao, Vice-Chairman of World Union presided. The meeting commenced with two minutes silent meditation. Vasantiben offered soul stirring devotional songs. Sri Pandit was felicitated by Dr. Trivedi and Mr. J.M. Shapoorjee. Sri Rao eulogised the services of Sri Pandit to the people of Bombay at large and to the people abroad at USA, Europe and England during his extensive tours.

After floral tributes by Smt. Suvarnaben Shukla, Jayaben Shah, Kamooben Patel and Yogiraj Kartar Singh Bagga and presentation by Sri N.S. Amin, Sri Pandit, while expressing his hearty thanks for the love shown by the people of Bombay, gave a very short but illuminating talk in course of which he referred to the practical aspects of the work of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo and need of yoga in the day to day life of persons in different stations of their life. He summed up the Mother's work in a brief sentence "Knowledge in the Mind, Love in the Heart, Power in the Vital and Beauty in the Physical Being". He also referred to and gave examples of positive manner in which the Mother's force was working against difficulties and urged the gathering to be conscious of the working of the Mother's force. He also emphasised that the period when Saints, Mahatmas, rich people and political rulers ruled over the people is over. Only those who will embody love will command the loyalty of people around and will be the future guiding light. Sri Amar Jariwalla thanked Sri Pandit and the gathering. The function was well attended.

Sri Pandit also gave a talk on "Life Beautiful" at SNTD University for Women at Santacruz.

Bangalore: In the meeting on 1-3-81, Sri B.S. Ananthaswami Rao spoke on "The Scientific basis for a Universal Religion", an extension of the talk he had given in February on "Vedic Truths Through Scientific Thought". He referred to the atmosphere of strife, suspicion and chaos that pervaded all spheres of activity in the world today and said this was a matter of concern to organizations like World Union who were devoted to human unity and world peace. He traced how efforts to augment material resources of the world to meet the needs of growing population had forced the growth of science and technology while the spread and practice of religious and ethical values lagged behind due to neglect.

With reference to the metaphysics he had expounded in his earlier talk, Sri Rao showed how a scientific and rational explanation could be given to all the basic tenets of Vedanta and the path of action suggested for the spiritual growth of man. It was his hope that religious education could keep pace with the growth of science and technology and ethical standards will get inculcated into society more easily. Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, who presided, thanked the Speaker for his thoughtful and inspiring lecture.

Bon-Hooghly: The monthly meeting of the Bon-Hooghly Centre was held on 15-3-81 (Sunday) at 5 P.M. at the residence of Sri Ashok Ray. Sri Kalidas Karmakar presided and Dr. B. Bhattacharya was the Chief Guest. Ten minutes group concentration took place. Sri Ashok Ray Chowdhury read out a speech of Sri Aurobindo and explained according to his own realisation. Dr. B. Bhattacharya talked on "Death and after death" from the book of Sri Nolini Kanta Gupta. In his talk, he added that at first we should follow the noble teaching of Sri Aurobindo, secondly we should equip ourselves sincerely.

If we wanted peace, happiness, oneness, we should teach our children too from their very childhood. In this way, gradually our society, character, human nature, individual personality etc. may change. The meeting ended at 8:00 P.M. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Chakradharpur: 21-2-81—Morning programme included "Probhat Pheri" of the children with elder devotees, hoisting of the Mother's flag on the Society compound, march past, collective meditation and reading from the works of the Mother. Evening function comprised of the Mother's music on tape, devotional songs, reading from the various works of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Sri N. C. Sahu of Sambalpur Centre (Orissa) delivered a splendid speech on the subject "Road to Immortality" based on Sri Aurobindo's Savitri. The function ended with the concluding speech of the Secretary.

Mysore: In the monthly meeting of 6-4-81, among other items it was agreed to draft appropriate resolutions for placing in the Third National Convention at Bangalore in June 1981 covering the following three propositions:

(a) That the concept of World Unity be propagated amongst the younger generation and from childhood; (b) that an International Youth Forum—a junior World Union—be formed for the purpose; and (c) public instruction of the Concept of World Union and Oneness Mankind be arranged to be imparted all over the world.

New Alipur: On 5th March, the monthly meeting commenced with readings from Sri Aurobindo by Mira Mukherjee. The meeting was presided by the Chairman, Dr. Amalendu Bose. Dr Sukumar Mukherjee spoke briefly on the philosophy and Sadhana of Sri Aurobindo with reference to vedic age and later Indian philosophy etc. Sri Aurobindo also worked on the physical aspect when he shows in 'Savitri' how Savitri was endowed with the power of Purusottama to immortalise this world. Hence Sri Aurobindo's yoga is for transformation and not for liberation only or escape from this physical life. The meeting ended with a duet music by Mira Mukherjee and Tanuja Mukherjee. Few copies of "Veda-Vichar", published by one member, Sri Biswadev Bhattacharya were distributed amongst some members.

On 2nd April after devotional music by Ashima De, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the significance of 29th March and 4th April and announced the ensuing National Convention and the Executive Committee meeting. Dr. Amalendu Bose, the Chairman, commenced his series of talks on a new subject "Creative Aspect of Sri Aurobindo's Literature". He initiated with Tagore's salutation to Sri Aurobindo. Dr. Bose emphasised the three major personalities of Sri Aurobindo e.g. his national spirit, the yogic aspect and the literary aspect. To know Sri Aurobindo in totality his literary aspect cannot, by any means, be ignored. By suitable quotations from the drama "Vasavadatta" and with references to "Savitri" and "Life Divine" Dr. Bose presented a fascinating and inspiring discourse. Dr. Mukherjee expressed his gratitude to Dr. Bose and requested him to continue the series with strong approval of the packed house. The meeting ended with a song by Kalyan and Supti. Sweets were distributed by Maya Mukherjee.

North Bantra: The monthly meeting was held on 22nd March 1981 at the residence of Sri Sachindra Nath Nag, who also presided. The meeting started after offering flowers at the feet of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and group concentration for two minutes. A devotional song was offered by Miss Sibani Chakraborty when meeting started. She also offered many songs at the intervals of every speech and reading, all of which were praiseworthy for their momentous validity. Sri Birendra Nath Karak, the Secretary read out some paras from the writings of Sri Aurobindo. He also read out some quoted mantras from the 'Veda'. Sri Basudev Samanta delivered a long speech about Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's life and the necessity of world unity. All present were impressed by the depth of his knowledge. The meeting concluded with pranam to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sodepur: This Centre observed 'Holi' function at the Secretary's residence on 20th March 1981 which was also the monthly meeting date of the Centre. Smt. Mita Bhahamachari sung the opening song. Sri Sukumar Roy, Chairman discussed about the National Convention and he proposed the name of Sri Samiran Ghosh (Vice-Chairman) as Centre's

representative in National Council. Then Sri Ramkrishna Goswami described the utility of observing this function. After that Smt. Parul Biswas, Rupasree Choudhury, Mita Brahmachary, Smt. Shampa Ghosh, Sri Mihir Day and Sri Arunadey Bhattacharya sung respectively. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Uttarpara: The members of this Centre celebrated the 146th birth anniversary of Sree Ramkrishna at its 91st monthly meeting held on Saturday the 14th March 1981. Sri Samar Basu presided. After devotional song and meditation Sri S.K. Gupta spoke on "Teachings of Sri Ramakrishna and Spiritual regeneration of Mankind". In his learned speech Sri Gupta indicated that "To live the Truth" was the teaching of the great soul Sri Ramakrishna. He practised *sadhana* in accordance with the scriptures of different religions like Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, etc. and realised that there was *One Reality* underneath each religion. His teachings were, therefore, to show mankind that "all ways lead to the same goal". He felt that mankind was suffering very acutely from ignorance and falsehood. To get rid of these lapses man should practise 'Vedanta' in his day to day life. Swami Vivekananda—the great disciple of the great Master propagated this teaching in the West. And the West began to react thereafter.

Then Sri Samar Basu, in his presidential address concluded the Seminar explaining why spiritual regeneration of mankind was necessary. With devotional song offered by Km. Banani Mitra, the meeting ended at 8:00 P.M.

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General Secretary
April 20, 1981



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A larger number of World Union Centres and members in India and abroad will be helpful for the growth of the World Union Movement. But it has to be remembered that in a Movement of this nature, the number alone does not count though useful. A small number of Centres and members doing their utmost to live Oneness in life will carry the Movement more rapidly towards its goal than a larger number accepting merely intellectually the ideal of Oneness, without an endeavour to practise it. A small number of members living Oneness in life and an ever increasing number accepting the ideal intellectually is likely to hasten the progress of the Movement towards its aim. All Centres and members should remember that positive, constructive and creative thoughts for the progress of the World Union Movement will spread around the world and lodge in the minds congenial to receive them. The World Union Movement can be served in a variety of ways provided we think and act for human unity, world peace, world consciousness, world outlook, world order, etc.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Brief Report of the Executive Committee Meeting:

The 22nd Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of World Union was held at the Ashram Cottage Guest House on Friday, the 24th April 1981, at 2.30 P.M.. Fourteen members of the Executive Committee attended and sixteen members representing World Union Centres, having ten or more members, were present as invitees.

The meeting commenced with a brief meditation accompanied by Mother's music. M.P. Pandit, the Chairman, made opening and inspiring observations which appears as the Editorial in this issue. The minutes of the 21st Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee was approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman. Arising out of the minutes the General Secretary referred to "Quotations on Oneness" being prepared by Ronald Jorgensen. His letter dated April 10, 1981, from USA, was read and contained happy and encouraging news that the project will be completed soon. It was hoped to send its draft volume soon to UNESCO for consideration. Ronald thinks that the UNESCO Group may want to sponsor the resulting book, possibly even publish it, as a World Union project.

Arising out of the minutes, the issuance of a diploma or an identity card to a member was considered unnecessary as it would tend to limit World Union aims and ideals of human unity and world peace. Therefore the meeting advised to drop the matter. Annual Report for 1980 and Audited Accounts for 1980 were circulated in the meeting and were unanimously approved.

A.B. Patel gave a brief report of the World Constitution and Parliament Convention at New Delhi in February 1981. The Convention was successful and fulfilled the expectations of all concerned. Several Indian Parliament members participated in it. The meeting was informed that there would be a session of the Provisional World Parliament at Brighton (UK) sometime in September 1982. The meeting decided that Samar Basu should continue the work for the Ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth by Universities and Municipalities with the help of Local Chapters of WCPA in India and he can utilise the assistance of individual members of World Union but not of World Union Centres.

Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana of Bangalore explained the arrangements made for the Third National Convention of World Union Centres in India to be held at Bangalore on the 7th, 8th and 9th June 1981. He mentioned the number of delegates likely to attend, the arrangements made for them and the difficulties experienced.

The Coordinators of World Union Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, Samar Basu, N.S. Amin, B. Krishnaswamy and Dr. Kamoooben presented to the members their respective reports of the work done by each of them.

For celebration of the World Union Day on the 20th August 1981, Samar Basu suggested the subject: "World Union and the Task Ahead". Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya suggested: "Get Into Practice For World Union". Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row suggested that World Union should associate itself with the International Year of the Handicapped in the celebration of the World Union Day. Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana suggested that some projects be commenced and executed for promoting the World Union objectives. Finally the meeting unanimously resolved that every World Union Centre or a Group of World Union Centres in a Region should initiate a project or projects leading to peace, harmony or unity for the World Union Day celebration—project or projects such as helping the disabled persons, children, poor, or educational activities. It was also decided that along with such project or projects essay competition on human unity and world peace among college students could be a useful activity for the celebration.

On the suggestion by Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana, it was resolved, after long discussion, that the President and Secretary of the National Centre-India should hereafter be included as Ex. Officio Members of the Executive Committee.

Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya suggested a long resolution, which, according to him, will lead to the progress of the World Union Movement. The meeting decided that the Regional Centre should have a say in the formation of a Local Centre in its Region. The proposals sent by Smt. Krishna Bhattacharya and Dr. Biswanath Baral were read to the meeting but were not approved. A.B. Patel proposed that the Executive Committee members of World Union living in Pondicherry should have authority to act in any urgent matter, on behalf of the Executive Committee, and the report of the action taken by them should be placed before the next meeting of the Executive Committee for confirmation or otherwise.

Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana, on behalf of National Centre-India, put forward an action programme for three years 1981-1984 for all World Union Centres in India. It was decided by the meeting that it should be published in the Focus as suggestions and every World Union Centre should be free to adopt any of them. The Action Programme reads:

(i) **Preamble:** It has been a common experience that to enthuse young people in the World Union Movement, it is necessary to have an action oriented Programme, which will enthuse them and make them involved in the spirit of the World Union Movement, while they learn the art of living.

(ii) **Method of Selection:** It is proposed to involve boys and girls of 14 to 18 years of High School Standard (8th to 12 Standard), the reason being that those in colleges have already set ideas and those in lower standards are not in a mental state to grasp the Spirit of the Movement.

Select 10 or 20 students (depending on the convenience of each Centre). Parents and teachers should be contacted, the blue-print of the project should be furnished to them and have heart to heart talk with them to obtain their willing cooperation for participation of the selected students. Once they are selected they become a part of the World Union organization.

(iii) **Involve them in:** (a) Training Programmes of 1 to 15 days duration in:

(1) Use of common tools, repairs of house-hold appliances, first aid, house remedies etc. (2) Courses in leadership, qualities necessary to become a student leader in moral and ethical standards of conduct. Leadership in disaster and distress condition. (3) Courses in understanding: "Know Your World". (4) Participation in activities sponsored by consumer's forum. (5) Arrange visits to various factories, public undertakings, industrial and commercial—along with visit, briefing by the managers of the concern. (6) Arrange for them passes to attend National and International Cultural Programmes. (7) Short courses in public speaking. (8) Arrange for their talent exhibitions. (9) Arrange visits to hospitals, destitute houses, jails and orphanages, so that the students will know, what are the complexities of life. (10) Visits to slums, arrange for them to participate in the Bhajans organised in those localities. (11) Involve them in service activities, like opthalmic camps, dental camps, medical check up camps, organized by Rotary, Lions, Junior Chambers etc.

These boys and girls will be the future leaders of the World Union Movement and will form a part of World Union Family. The objects of the World Union Movement will be continuously conveyed to them, in spirit and action, instead of dinning to them in a basic way of lectures, that usually do not appeal to them.

The main advantage of this programme is that it does not involve heavy financial outlay and can be implemented by all Centres, subjected to variations depending on the condition prevailing in the area. Further, by this method, we will have built up a group of young boys and girls, whose aim will be to understand and practice certain essential values in life.

A programme action, achievement and evaluation, feedback to the National Centre and International Centre, by all the Local Centres will be essential for the success of the programme.

If necessary, the first batch may consist of children and relations of members.

Provisional World Parliament :

It has been suggested to us that those World Union members and others in India, who wish to participate in the Provisional World Parliament to be held at Brighton (UK) in September 1982, should be invited to join together in air travel so that arrangement for air transport from India to UK and back could be on a cheaper basis provided a good number of the participants from India can travel together both ways. Each person, who attended the four assemblies of WCPA held in the past, is entitled to attend the Provisional World Parliament on signing his or her confirmation of the support to the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. Others have to qualify themselves for participation about which information will be available. All those wishing to participate in the Provisional World Parliament are invited to communicate with: WORLD UNION, Pondicherry 605002. (India)

Invitation for a Bimillennium Celebration of Life:

A Pledge was developed by fifty men and women at the 1979 Global Education Associates Institute held at Stonypoint, New York. These fifty persons decided to celebrate in the year 2000 the work they committed themselves to undertake over the next two decades—starting now. These fifty persons were the ordinary sort of extra-ordinary human beings like anyone else and decided to do an unordinary thing. While the Pledge for a Bi-millennium Celebration of Life published hereafter is their collective statement of commitment, they encourage its duplication and circulation as well as adoption for use by others. Copies of the Bulletin on the Bi-millennium Celebration of Life are available from Global Education Associates, 552 Park Avenue, East Orange, N.J., USA 07017.

The Pledge aforesaid signed by fifty persons reads:

WHO SIGN THIS PLEDGE advocate that in the year 2000 a world wide Bi-millennium Celebration be held, to be preceded by two decades of unparalleled thinking, perception, inspiration, love, planning and work for the achievement of a just and peaceful human society on earth. We believe that our future history is open and that the next two decades are a sacred period in which people of vision, hope and cooperative action can create a human order worthy of joyful celebration.

WE THEREFORE PLEDGE our hearts, minds, time and talents over the next two decades as active participants in the creation of a more human world order. The human order we seek to celebrate in the year 2000 would be premised on the inherent dignity of every person within our interdependent, planetary family. It would be premised also on the inherent value of the earth itself and all the life forms it supports. It would be rooted in the values of justice, peace, ecological balance, participation in decision-making, and an equitable sharing of the earth's resources.

IN PREPARATION FOR THIS BIMILLIENIUM CELEBRATION OF LIFE we pledge our support and active involvement with others in advancing the following by the year 2000:

1. THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT through the awakening in ourselves and others of a sense of harmony with the earth so that, as just stewards, we fulfill our obligation to leave a life-sustaining, safe environment for the generations yet to be born.

2. THE SECUREMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS through the ratification and implementation by all nations on a global scale of the United Nations' *Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Rights of the Child, and The International Covenants on Human Rights and Optional Protocol*.

3. THE ELIMINATION OF HUNGER by promoting food self-sufficiency wherever possible throughout the world and the economic development to make that possible, by providing adequate emergency assistance and by promoting an equitable access to resources, skills and services so that hunger can never happen again.

4. The development of HOLISTIC HEALTH in every society throughout the earth so that each person has the opportunity to actualize his or her potential, and the adoption and implementation of sound environmental, energy and industrial policies to safeguard the environment on which sound health ultimately depends.

5. The advancement of ECONOMIC WELL BEING through systems that can meet basic human needs while correcting and healing global economic injustices.

6. The raising of consciousness regarding the TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS' role in a just world order and the development of effective and just regulation of the activities of transnationals in a system of world public accountability.

7. THE ELIMINATION OF ALL WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION and the demilitarization of societies through the development and implementation of an effective world security system. The alternative we envision would be based on justice under law rather than national military force. It would include the development of adequate and effective international legal, juridical and arbitration processes for the non-violent settlement of disputes. It would also include the verification, compliance and peace-keeping enforcement measures deemed necessary by nations to proceed in gradual, phased disarmament without fear of attack. Our goal is true world security defined more broadly than military security of freedom from war alone. We seek a positive peace built on the realization of basic human needs and rights—needs and rights which the present arms race obstructs.

8. THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS oriented toward a just peaceful world order and built on values that emphasize human dignity, cooperation and empowering harmony with all the elements of our planet.

9. THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF NATIONS TO GIFT ONE ANOTHER with the release of debts in honour of the Bi-millennium Year and to create international lands, waters, air and other forms of common heritage on Planet Earth.

10. The development and use of our FULL POTENTIALS as individuals and as communities who seek to serve and advance a more fully human world order.

11. The fostering of a GLOBAL SPIRITUALITY wherein lifestyles are characterized by simplicity and a sense of collective responsibility to the planet and the human community.

FINALLY, as we take steps toward the Bi-millennium, we will foster the:

- * annual celebration of Earth Day on the March equinox as a day to honour and renew our commitment as trustees of Planet Earth;
- * institution of a World Day of Peace commemorating the anniversary of the nuclear destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki;
- * opening of the Bi-millennium by an intercultural, interfaith celebration at the United

Nations on January 1st, 2000, and widespread activity throughout the world in the succeeding twelve months celebrating the diversity and unity of life on the planet.

Seminar at Jwalapur (UP) :

Under the auspices of World Union, a Seminar will be held at Jwalapur from the 12th to 16th September 1981 (five days). This will be a Seminar without a fixed subject and a fixed programme. It will be a spontaneous affair to give the best chance for the inner psychological needs of the participants to find a free and full expression as to personal problems as also the socio-cultural ones.

As the available accommodation is limited, only 50 delegates will have the opportunity to attend the Seminar. Each person wishing to attend the Seminar is requested to send Rs. 25.00—either by M.O. or by Bank Draft on a Bank in Pondicherry—with full name and address and World Union membership Number.

The total charge per head for boarding and lodging will be Rs. 50.00 for five days of the Seminar towards which Rs. 25.00 aforesaid will be credited. Please write to the Asst. General Secretary & Treasurer, World Union, Pondicherry 605002.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Baranagar : The monthly Conference was held in its office at 28/1 Manna Para Road, Calcutta-50 on the usual first Sunday morning on 3-5-81 having Smt. Juiphul Roy in the Chair, when Sri Parimal Chakraborty informed about the thirty-five delegates of the Centre for the Third National Convention to be held at Bangalore and also about four papers submitted from this Centre separately for the four commissions of the Convention by Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Smt. Juiphul Roy, Sri Parimal Chakraborty and the member-Society 'Viswa Sanskriti Mission'. Sri Bhattacharya reported about the literary meeting organised by the West Bengal Committee of the 'All Indian Languages Literary Conference' on 19 April 1981 and about his acceptance of the invitation to preside over the Seminar on 'Secular Spirituality and Practical Spirituality' scheduled on May 20, 1981. Sri Sankha Bhattacharya and Sri Pradip Das reported about the Centre's Nursery and M.G. School 'Student World' and its Rabindra Jayanti programme, scheduled on 8th May.

8-5-81: Rabindra Jayanti was celebrated by the Centre's School constructing a temporary stage in the lawn and having the portrait of Rabindra in the Chair. Picture exhibition of folk dances, monuments, sculptures and paintings of India was arranged in the School hall, where Miss Aparna Ganguli was the guide. Students staged Rabindranath's one-act 'Gechho Baba' and another English one-act 'Valmiki'. Programmes included presentation of recitation, songs and dances by students and guardians. An orchestra Group consisting of

Miss Nupur Mitra (Electric Guitar), Sri Indrajit Mitra (Drum), Sri Biswajit Mitra (Spanish Guitar) and Sri Surajit Mitra (Guitar) presented both Indian and European music at the end.

Chandernagore : The Centre, in its consecutive sessions right from December 1980 to March 1981 successfully continued discussions on 'Geeta' specially in the light of Sri Aurobindo. The Speaker Prof. S.K. Bhattacharaya made the deliberations very inspiring by splitting up the meaning of the slokas word by word and by quoting the references from Sri Aurobindo's essays on the 'Geeta' and sayings of Sri Ramakrishna. It seemed as if Sri Krishna's presence was felt during the discourses. In all these sittings songs of devotion were nicely presented by Suparna Sarkar and were presided over by M. Ghosh.

Classes on Veda, specially Rig Veda, were conducted on 15-3-81, 5-4-81 and 3-5-81. Speakers like Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Dr. B.N. Baral participated. Purnendu Prasad centred his discussion on 'The Secret of the Veda' in the context of Rig Veda. He explained the meaning of Veda which is nothing but seeking of knowledge. He also explained the inner meanings of various terms. Dr. Baral discussed the functions and activities of Indra which is the guiding force to integrate personality and help man to reach the arena of supermind. In all these sittings inspiring devotional songs were sung by Km. S. Sarkar and Miss M. Dasgupta.

Mysore : At the monthly meeting held on 4-5-81, Shri Agaram Rangaiah who inaugurated the 'Group Discussion Series' explained in detail the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo and his message for mankind. Shri Rangaiah recalled the moments of his personal contact with Sri Aurobindo as far back as 1921 and said it was an unique and thrilling experience. The talk was highly educative and thought provoking.

It was decided to invite Dr. C.K.N. Raja, Professor and Head of Department of Law, Manasa Gangothri to deliver a lecture on 1-6-81. The Group discussion at the July Meeting will be moderated by Shri S.V. Venkataramaswamy.

New Alipur : On 7th May on the eve of Robindranath Tagore's birthday the meeting started with Robindra sangeet by Ashma De. Mira Mukherjee kept everybody spell-bound by her lucid description of a vision by the poet Nishikanta of a "Golden Child" with suitable illustration from his poem. After a brief meditation with Ashram music, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke briefly on the divine and the occult aspect of "The Mother". In her divine aspect she is "Aditi", holding the whole creation in her bosom. She was not the disciple of Sri Aurobindo but a Co-Worker. The meeting ended with a duet music by Mira and Tanuja.

As a gesture of collaboration, Dr. Mukherjee attended the three day Seminar of Sri Aurobindo Society at Haldia on the 24th April and spoke on "Sri Aurobindo and Synthesis".

Uttarpara : The 92nd monthly meeting was held on Saturday the 11th April at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith, Uttarpara at 6:00 P.M. when Sri Samar Basu presided. After devotional song and group concentration—Sri Basu spoke on "Religion of Humanity" as explained by Sri Aurobindo in the XXXIV Chapter of "The Ideal of Human Unity". He pointed out that 'Religion of Humanity' has inspired both the intellectuals and the emotionals. But since intellect is an 'Ego-Centric' instrument it had its limitation, it could not lead

mankind to its ultimate goal. Yet it would go on inspiring it and then Nature would help mankind realise the truth of Fraternity—that was to say, spiritual comradeship. And on the basis of this spiritual comradeship humanity would be able to develop the real unification of mankind.

9-5-81: The 93rd monthly meeting of this Centre was held at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith when Sri Samar Basu presided. The meeting was organised to celebrate the 121st birthday of Rabindranath. The subjects discussed in the meeting were: (a) Rabindranath on Sri Aurobindo—Km. Banani and Master Seshadri participated; and (b) Sri Aurobindo on Rabindranath. Sri Samar Basu read out his own paper on the subject. Rabindra Sangeets were offered by Km. Bharati & Banani. The celebration ended at about 8:00 P.M.

Sultanpur: Under the joint auspices of the World Union Sultanpur Centre and Sri Aurobindo Society, 'Maharshi Aurobindo Lecture Series' was commenced on 12-4-81, the auspicious Ram Navni Day, with the lectures of Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal and Sri Chandradeepji, revered Sadhak of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry. The programme of the day commenced with garlanding of the pictures of Maharshi Aurobindo and Sri Ma and tuneful singing of a Tulsi Bhajan and Ashram Geet by Sri Mahendra Pratap Sahi, a local artist of repute. This was followed by an address of welcome by Dr. H. D. Shukla, Chairman of local Sri Aurobindo Society and a resume of activities of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Sri Aurobindo Society, Auroville and the World Union Movement by Sri Prabhakar. Sri Ram Krishna Jaiswal introduced the two guests.

During his enlightening and thought provoking speech, Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal said: We are here to discover 'Truth' behind all existence and not only for the knowledge of objects that cross our senses. Real knowledge which is of help in discovering this 'Truth' emanates from 'Soul', but ironically, is beyond our sense perceptions. He specially dwelt on the delight aspect of existence and explained that true delight must have an awakening of the soul at its base.

Sri Chandradeepji, in his inspiring and informative speech, mentioned the ideal of Sri Rama and the mission of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother in the light of the spiritual evolution. He explained the necessary steps of Sadhana for human beings to collaborate in the evolution. A sense of unity with the whole existence, of which World Union is a step, is essential. For this purpose the soul-force is necessary. In conclusion he said that life of misery and privations for men is a transitional stage and ultimately a divine life on earth will be manifested.

Dr. B. C. Banik in his presidential remarks stressed on importance of the Gita. The function ended with thanks giving by Sri Bajrang Bahadur Singh, tape rendering of Ashram music and prasad distribution. The programme was very ably conducted with appropriate fluent commentary by Sri Gayatri Prasad Pandey, Executive Officer, Zila Parishad.

New Centre:

College Road Centre: This New Centre was opened in early May 1981 under inspiration and guidance of Sri B. Krishnaswamy, the Coordinator of World Union in the Southern Region in India. Sri P. Sadanand is the Chairman and Sri K. T. Rama Swamy Iyengar

is the Secretary. The address of the Centre is that of the Secretary being: World Union, College Road Centre, 146 College Road, MYSORE 570001.

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SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION AT BANGALORE

Events are rapidly moving today in the world. It seems that behind these superficial events, some truths and ideals are pressing for manifestation and expression to shape the next evolutionary step by the human race. It appears that humanity is destined in the next two or three decades to reshape its life and institutions to be governed by selflessness instead of selfishness, cooperation instead of competition, giving to or sharing with others instead of grabbing from them and thinking of the good of others instead of exploiting them. But in the universal scheme of things, whenever any constructive or creative work commences to manifest and express, conservative or hostile forces oppose that work in order to maintain a status quo. There is a deadly struggle at present between the forces shaping a New World Order and the Forces of dissolving Old World Order. Consequently one notices all around the world confusion and chaos manifested in a variety of good, bad and indifferent activities, violent and otherwise. It is a simultaneous process of a new creation and destruction in human affairs. All heroic souls would want to work for supporting the forces of a New World Order, New Creation, New World against the hostile forces wanting to maintain status quo.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION OF WORLD UNION CENTRES IN INDIA was held at Belagodu Kala Mantap, Jayanagar, Bangalore, on the 7th, 8th and 9th June 1981. The Convention was very well and successfully organized by World Union National Centre of India, with headquarters at Bangalore. The National Centre of India was inaugurated on the 6th July 1980 by Sri M.P. Pandit, Chairman of World Union, at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, Bangalore, when Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau had presided. In the morning of Sunday, the 7th June 1981, the inaugural session of the Convention was held. Before the agenda of the Convention was taken up, His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka, accompanied by his wife Smt. Chandra Govind Narain was received at the gate of the hall.

Comprehensive report of the Convention, including important speeches, is being prepared by the workers of the National Centre of India and it is intended to publish it in the August and September 1981 issues of the World Union journal. However, a brief report is published for the information of all concerned. The proceedings commenced with the invo-

cation by Sri Srinivas and a welcome address by Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana, on behalf of Sri N S. Rao of Bombay, the Chairman of the National Reception Committee, who could not attend as he was away to Australia. Thereafter Smt. Chandra Govind Narain lit the lamp as a symbol for the auspicious commencement of the Convention proceedings. His Excellency Shri Govind Narain, the Governor of Karnataka, made an informative, impressive and remarkable speech, while inaugurating the Convention. Sri M.P. Pandit, Chairman of World Union, Pondicherry, gave an inspiring and instructive keynote address. A.B. Patel, General Secretary of World Union, Pondicherry, emphasised the responsibility and duty of India to give a lead in building a world community and one world, while releasing the Souvenir. After this His Excellency the Governor and Smt. Chandra Govind Narain left the premises, but the proceedings were continued and Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, Secretary of National Centre-India, read a report of the activities of the National Centre. Sri B B. Subbarayan, a Convenor of the Convention, read the messages received for the occasion. The Chief Guest for the day, Dr R.M. Varma, Emeritus Professor of National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bangalore made a well thought-out and learned speech. After that Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau delivered his thoughtful and informative Presidential address. Sri K.S. Sridharan, a Convenor of the Convention, proposed a vote of thanks.

The inaugural function was conducted in an atmosphere of harmony and unity of purpose and all the delegates felt happy and inspired. The hall was overcrowded.

After the inaugural function Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row delivered a speech welcoming the members of World Union Youth Forum, when Swami Poornananda Thirtha was the Chief Guest. The audience had the advantage of hearing the words of wisdom from Swamiji. Kumari Padma Viswanath expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest and proposed a vote of thanks.

The Convention reassembled from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. on the 7th June for panel discussion on the theme of "Practice of Oneness: The Caring Community" under the Presidentship of A.B. Patel, when several representatives of similar minded organizations spoke on the subject, Presidential address was delivered and a vote of thanks was proposed. After the panel discussion there was a cultural programme from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M.—Songs of Rabindranath Tagore in Kanada (composed by Ananthaswami Rao) were sung by Ganvisarada Mysore Ananthaswami, Smt. Ramamala, Smt. Pushpalata Jagadish and Kumari M.K. Jayashree and Bharata Natyam was offered by Kum. Bhanumati.

On Monday, the 8th June, the proceedings of the Convention commenced at 9:00 A.M. with Commission No. 1 on "Oneness of Mankind, World Union Concept" under the Presidentship of Sri Thandaveswara, IRAS, with Rapporteur Sri Chunilal Goswami of Calcutta. Several Speakers spoke on the subject. The second Commission also met in the morning of the 8th June under the Presidentship of Dr. Roma Choudhury, M.A., Ph.D., with Sri Haneef Jawaid of Bangalore as Rapporteur on the subject of "Identification of Disintegrating Forces". Several members from the audience participated in the discussion.

The Convention reassembled in the afternoon at 3:00 P.M. when Commission No. 3 met under the Presidentship of Sri K.S. Narasimha Murthy, I.A.S. Retd. Divisional Commissioner, on the subject of "Instrumentation: The Caring Community" with Sri K.R. Hedge of Bombay as Rapporteur. Several members from the audience participated in the discussion.

The same afternoon Commission No. 4 met under the Presidentship of Prof. N.S. Govinda Rao on the subject of "The Programme of Work" with Sri B. V. Balasubrahmanyam of Mysore as Rapporteur. Several members from the audience participated in the consideration of the theme. From 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. there was an interesting cultural programme beginning with vocal music—classical by Sri B.S. Srinath; followed by international humour by Sri Y.M. Narasimha Murthy, Founder President of Humour Club, India; followed by instrumental Music-Sitar by Sri N.R. Ram Rao and party.

The General Body Meeting consisting of World Union members met on Tuesday, the 9th June, at 8:00 A.M.; its proceedings commenced with a prayer and reading of the notice of the meeting. The National President, Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau, who presided, welcomed the members and the National Secretary, Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana, presented the report of the Centre. The meeting elected Office-Bearers of World Union National Centre of India as under who were proposed by A.B. Patel and seconded by Samar Basu: President—Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau; Vice-Presidents—Sri N.S. Rao of Bombay and Sri Susanto Mittra of Calcutta; Hon. Secretary—Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana; Hon. Joint Secretary—Sri K.S. Sridharan; Hon. Treasurer—Sri H.S. Narayana Setty. The President delivered his Presidential address and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks.

Thereafter the concluding session of the Convention met. The Convention resolved to appoint a Committee consisting of Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau, Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana, Sri Thandaveswara, Sri K.S. Narasimha Murthy and Prof. N.S. Govinda Rao, with power to co-opt, to draft and publish a Statement of the Convention in the light of the discussions of the four Commissions. The Convention concluded with the remarks made by the Chairman, Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau.

Later the National Council Members, whose names were already received, met. Among other things A. B. Patel proposed and Samar Basu seconded the following ten names for the National Executive of National Centre-India: (1) Sri B. B. Subbarayan, (2) Sri T. S. Somasekhar, (3) Sri T. D. Naganna, (4) Sri K. R. Krishna Swamy, (5) Sri B. V. Balasubrahmanyam (Mysore), (6) Sri T. K. Sinha (Calcutta), (7) Sri J. N. Puri (New Delhi), (8) Dr. Kamoooben Patel (Pondicherry), (9) Sri N. S. Amin (Bombay), and (10) Sri M. D. P. Kamath (Nagpur). It was understood that these ten members, with six Office-Bearers already elected will form the National Executive of National Centre-India. It was suggested and agreed unanimously that necessary amendment should be made to the Rules of the National Centre to permit these ten members of the National Executive to become members of the National Council also and pending such amendment, these ten members should be invited to participate in the meetings of the National Council. The proceedings of the National Council ended with a vote of thanks.

Thereafter the meeting of the Presidents and the Secretaries of World Union Centres in India was held and a lively discussion took place how constructive projects to further the cause of World Union could be undertaken. Consideration was given to the working paper of 1981-82 in this regard. The Chairman of the meeting, Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau, called upon A. B. Patel to bid farewell to the delegates, which was done with a request to all the World Union members to continue the work of World Union with faith, sincerity and humility.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bon-Hooghly: (1) The monthly meeting was held on 8-5-81 jointly at the office room of "Uttamasha Sporting Club", a registered Organization attached to this unit but maintained separately—President Dr. B. Bhattacharya and Gen. Secretary, Sri Ashok Ray Chowdhury. Except them all the members of this Organization are below 20 years. Every evening they meet in the play ground for physical training and take part in different sports and games. At 6:30 PM all gathered there to observe the birthday celebration of great poet Rabindra Nath Tagore. Opening song was offered by Kumari Banasree Bhattacharya and Jhunu Ghose, Rajasree Sahoo. Dr. B. Bhattacharya presided and Dr. Jitendra Nath Ghosal was the Chief Guest. All the children took part in different subjects and paid their homage to the great poet.

Dr. B. Bhattacharya and Dr. Ghosal elaborately discussed the works of the great poet. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(2) The monthly meeting was held on 30-5-81. Dr. B. Bhattacharya presided and Sri Keshab Ghatak was the Chief Guest. Opening song was offered by Kumari Banasree Bhattacharya followed by five minutes group concentration.

The General Secretary, Executive Members and a group of children (ages from 5 to 12) of Uttamasha Sporting Club attended the meeting. The children group took the initiative to arrange the meeting and maintained discipline. Sri Ashok Ray Chowdhury discussed the "Ideal Child" in a very simple language. Sri Keshab Ghatak discussed the "Sadhana of Children" and self preparation. Dr. B. Bhattacharya talked on disintegration forces. He advised that all groups, including World Union, should beware of such forces and avoid competition. He quoted Sri Aurobindo: "There is no real gain in it if we only repeat the old error in new terms". The booklet "Ideal Child" was distributed among the children by the Secretary. The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Calcutta: (1) The meeting on 8-3-81 with Shri J. C. Saha occupying the chair, commenced after five minutes of meditation. It dealt with participation in the Third National Convention to be held at Bangalore in June 1981. Sri L. N. Dutta and Sri J. C. Saha were nominated to represent this Centre in the Convention and the World Union National Council. This Calcutta Centre has joined with the Benoy Sircar Institute of Social Sciences at Calcutta, in organising and holding Seminars and discussions on the issues of common interest relating to human unity and international friendship on several occasions.

(2) Monthly meetings with about 12 children of the age group below 12 years were held at 26E Turf Road, Calcutta 700025 (3rd Saturday each month) on 21-1-81, 21-3-81 and 18-4-81—in which Sri Madan Mohan Chandra occupied the Chair in accordance with the directive given by the World Union National Executive. It is a matter of great pleasure that the distinguished teacher Sri Subhas Bhadra and other noted teachers like Smt. Dhira Basu and Mrs. Rekha Bhadra, Mrs. Chaya Chatterjee and Mrs. Ila Dutta have agreed to volunteer

their services along with Sri Madan Mohan Chandra, a noted World Union worker in this respect.

It was decided and planned that proper guidance and educative training should be imparted to the children for attainment of best possible development, discipline, honesty and dynamic character. Also of human oneness, universal brotherhood etc. Further it was considered that special attention and care should be taken to develop the individual personalities of the children. In this regard, educative talks and practical guidance were given to children by the said teachers and volunteers.

The children participants who impressed everybody were: in Rabindra and Devotional songs by Master Indrajit Dutta, Kumari Kakali Dutta and Runa Dutta; in English songs by Master Soumen Neogy, Master Debjit Dutta; in English recitation by Master Atanu Dutta, Master Ayan Nandi; in the recitation of Tagore's poems by Master Debasis Nandy, Master Keshab Chandra Manna, Master Indrajit Dutta and Master Debasis Dutta. The above mentioned children took part in various intelligence tests, topic discussions on science, literature; social and humanitarian matters also.

Muzaffarnagar--New Mandi & Patel Nagar: A joint meeting was held on 1st May 1981. Many prominent persons and Editor of the Hindi Newspaper "Uttara Khand Times", Muzaffarnagar, attended the meeting. After meditation for a few minutes, President S.R. Emperor read out a letter of the Mother on "Auroville" and spoke on its present position, the aims and objects of World Union, the importance of the Bill of State. Kamath and the detailed programme about the Third National Convention of World Union centres in India to be held at Bangalore on the 7th, 8th and 9th June 1981.

The President also explained the talks of Sri A.B. Patel and Sri M.P. Pandit (delivered at several places during their tours). The meeting ended with devotional music and vote of thanks.

Mysore: In the monthly meeting on 1st June 1981, Sri N. Balasubrahmanya, Reader in English, University of Mysore, spoke on "Towards World Unity". He observed that unity is not alien to man; there is an instinctive urge for unity in every person. Attempts were made to unite mankind on earth politically by men like Alexander, Julius Ceaser, Napoleon and Hitler but were not successful. Great Philosophers like Plato, Thomas Moore gave the world Utopia. Valmiki's Ramarajya was an ideal world state. The scientists have their own projection of unity. At the present times, world unity is a compelling necessity. It is a process of mutual cooperation. In India since thousands of years many dictums about world unity have been known and made popular.

Shri B.V. Balasubrahmanya, who presided, welcomed and introduced the Guest Speaker. Shri M.S. Vijaya Shankar, Hon. Secretary gave a vote of thanks.

Sodepur: This Centre observed "Rabindra Jayanti" on 9th May 1981. The programme started with a "Giti Alekhya" on Tagore in three phases—"Abahan", "Rupkalpana" and "Swarga-Marta". It was organised by Sm. Ranjana Mitra. Other artists were Sm. Bharati Banerjee, Sri Prayag Banerjee, Sri Ajit Guha, Sri Sukumar Banerjee and Siddhartha Mitra.

After this Sri Swapan Brahmachary, Sri Dipak Das, Sm. Madhuri Das, Sm. Lila Guha and Sm. Sumita Banerjee offered Rabindra Sangeet. Programme ended with Shankar Bhattacharya's recitation.

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INDIA'S DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE THE LEAD FOR THE BUILDING UP OF ONE WORLD

India is destined to play a great role in the global reconstitution. Sri Aurobindo has assigned to India a crucial role—a mighty destiny and a heavy responsibility because he considers India the respository of spiritual consciousness, the guardian of Truth, and he envisages, that in the new age of world unification, India's national being will act as a spearhead breaking the present world formations and giving a new shape to history. From this point of view the spiritual heritage of India and its renaissance becomes significant not only for her own growth and fulfilment but in the destined unity of mankind.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Appeal to World Union Centres and Members:

It must be considered an honour and a privilege by every Centre and every member of World Union to spread the message of the great seers, saints, sages and modern great men of India on the ideal of One World. We must have unfounded faith in the destiny of India to fulfil the great duty and responsibility to build up one world, inspite of difficult conditions through which she is passing today. In order to strengthen our faith in the capacity of India, we give below four lines from the great epic Poem Savitri by Sri Aurobindo:

**"A few shall see what none yet understands,
God shall grow up while the wise man talk and sleep.
For man shall not know the coming till its hour
And belief shall be not till the work is done."**

India's Duty and Responsibility:

During the last three decades or more, many organizations and individuals around the world are endeavouring for the promotion of world unity, world community, world peace, global civilization, synthesis of cultures, disarmament, world government, etc. Sri Aurobindo

as a yogi and a seer had envisaged the formation of a world union of free and independent nations, in which unity in diversity will be the largest principle of life and freedom its corner stone, and in which no nation will be subordinate to another, though some may exercise a greater natural influence.

The great seers of ancient India had affirmed "Vasudhaiva Kuttumbakkam" (The whole Earth Is One Family). The avatars, the sages and the saints of India have always affirmed the ideal of human family and One World. In the modern age when the famous "Quit India Resolution" was drafted by Mahatma Gandhi and was adopted by All India Congress Committee of the Indian National Congress of the undivided India on the 8th August 1942, the resolution contained the following: ". . . The Committee is of opinion that the future peace, security and ordered progress of the world demand a world federation of free nations and on no other basis can the problems of the modern world be solved. Such a world federation would ensure the freedom of its constituent nations, the prevention of aggression and exploitation by one nation over another, the protection of national minorities, the advancement of all backward areas, and peoples, and the pooling of the world's resources for the common good of all. On the establishment of such a world federation, disarmament would be practicable in all countries; national armies, navies and air forces would no longer be necessary, and a world federal defence force would keep the world peace and prevent aggression. An independent India would gladly join such a world federation and cooperate on an equal basis with other countries in the solution of international problems". The great men, who voted for this resolution, were freedom fighters to gain India's independence but they realised the need for a World Federation of free nations and consequently it is the duty and responsibility of the present generation of India to give a lead to the world for the formation of a World Federation.

Let us examine what some of the great men of India have said on the subject. Mahatma Gandhi said: "Nationalism is not the highest concept. The highest concept is world community. I would not like to live in this world if it is not to be One World. Our objective is One World. We have to work for it and for the brotherhood of humanity".

Pandit Nehru said once: "Our final aim can only be a classless society with equal economic justice, an opportunity for all, a society organised on a planned basis for the raising of mankind to higher material and cultural levels, to a cultivation of spiritual values, of cooperation, unselfishness, a spirit of service, the desire to do right, goodwill and love —ULTIMATELY A WORLD ORDER". On another occasion he said: "World Government must and will come, for there is no other remedy for the world sickness". Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, who was the President of India, has said: "The goal and purpose of man are to rise above the present intellectual and political contradictions, to attain freedom of spirit and conquer time and realise the ONENESS OF HUMANITY, whose common birth place is earth. True education should be as would produce citizens of the world and make man feel that he belonged to the entire world and not to any particular region."

In the Postscript Chapter to *The Ideal of Human Unity* Sri Aurobindo wrote in 1915: "The ultimate result must be the formation of a World-State and the most desirable form of it would be a federation of free nationalities in which all subjection or forced inequality and subordination of one to another would have disappeared and, though some might preserve a

greater natural influence, all would have an equal status . . . This is a mutable world and uncertainties and dangers might assail or trouble for a time; the formed structure might be subjected to revolutionary tendencies as new ideas and forces emerged and produced their effect on the general mind of humanity, but the essential step would have been taken and the future of the race assured or atleast the present era overpassed in which it is threatened and disturbed by unsolved needs and difficulties, precarious conditions, immense upheavals, huge and sanguinary world-wide conflicts and threat of others to come. The ideal of human unity would be no longer an unfulfilled ideal but an accomplished fact and its preservation given into the charge of the united human peoples."

In view of all these great statements, the present generation of India owes the duty and responsibility to ancient and modern seers, avatars, saints, sages and great men of India to give the lead to the world for building up One World, without which, perhaps humanity may easily drift towards a disaster, and without which, pressing world problems are likely to remain unsolved, making the life on Planet Earth difficult.

Earth Constitution Day:

27th June 1981 was celebrated in several places in India and abroad as the "Earth Constitution Day", because the Constitution for the Federation of Earth was finalised and adopted at Innsbruck, Austria on the 27th June 1977.

West Bengal Local Chapter of the World Constitution and Parliament Association celebrated the 27th June 1981 as the "New Age Day" in a befitting manner at New Dawn, 18A Ramdhone Mitra Lane, Calcutta, at 5-30 PM when Prof. K. C. Pal presided. After group concentration, Sri Samar Basu, the General Secretary of West Bengal Local Chapter, in his introductory speech reiterated the significance of the day and requested the members to go through the Constitution very seriously so that they might be able to convince others of the necessity of forming a World Federal Government on the basis of the Constitution. On being asked he explained how a member or an interested person could qualify himself or herself to attend the Provisional World Parliament to be held in UK in or about September 1982. Prof. K. C. Pal in his Presidential address suggested that endeavour should be made to hold seminars on various aspects of the Constitution in different universities of West Bengal with a view to involving the members of the Senates of the universities in the Movement and to make them aware of the World Constitution and Parliament Association and its activities so that ultimately it would be easy to have the Constitution ratified by the universities in West Bengal. This suggestion was approved by the audience and Prof. Pal was requested to contact universities to explore the possibility of effectuating his suggestion. This assignment was readily accepted by Prof. Pal. With a vote of thanks to the Chair the meeting closed.

World Union, Pondicherry, celebrated the Earth Constitution Day, for which purpose the meeting was held at 4:30 PM on the 27th June 1981 in the World Union Office. A. B. Patel, during the course of his speech, referred to the present difficult world conditions and the efforts made by several organizations and individuals around the world for over three decades to realise human unity, world peace and a World Federal Government. In the course of these efforts several constitutions for a Federal World Government have been drafted by

Individuals and organizations. But the World Constitution and Parliament Association organised in 1958 in USA, held its first Constituent Assembly in 1968 in Switzerland and West Germany and appointed a Commission of 22 persons from 11 countries to draft a Constitution for the Federation of Earth. The draft was ready in 1974 and was circulated to interested individuals and organizations in the world for comments. In the light of the comments received the second edition of the Constitution was issued which was considered clause by clause by the Second World Constituent Assembly, with delegates from 26 countries, held at Innsbruck, Austria, in June 1977. It was a unique event, because in the history of the human race this was the first time an organized effort was made to prepare a Constitution for the Federation of Earth. It was adopted at Innsbruck on the 27th June 1977 and it is the duty of those working for human unity, world peace and Federal World Government to study the Constitution and to help in the campaign for its ratification in as many quarters as possible.

Forum for World Peace, Sardar Patel University:

"Despite a good deal of similarity between animal life and human life the latter is marked by a continuous attempt at modification of primitive instincts and relentless search for the purpose of life. Human being is also endowed with a unique capacity to introspect—to act and to sit in judgement. Besides, he is conscious of his separate existence, his ego. The ego-consciousness in man is a curse which stands a barrier to the attainment of everlasting joy although he has conquered his physical world and all means of happiness are within his easy reach," said Prof. Yashwant Shukla, eminent educationist, while speaking on "Love and Unity" under the auspices of the Forum for Peace on June 28, 1981 at Nalini Arvind Arts College, Vallabh Vidyanagar.

Talking about how to surmount the barrier of ego-consciousness to attain ever-lasting joy and peace Prof Shukla added that love puts an end to ego-consciousness with which man is cursed. Love binds people together, it "unfolds" them, it makes them feel one with humanity, it makes them one with Brahma. In fact love and Brahma are one and the same. So great is the magic of love that humanity has survived so many battles and wars. In the midst of all attempts to revert man to his savage existence there are infinite possibilities of self-development through unalloyed love and unity. Prof. Shukla observed "Love liberates, it frees man from the bondage of his ego. Man's craving for love is so irresistible that even a moment of pure and ennobled love is worth more than anything in the world," he remarked.

Prof. Shukla concluded his spell-binding talk thus: "Man needs to realise that God has created him to enjoy the bliss of love and oneness with humanity. If man's exploitation by man does not cease, if conflicts between men and groups do not halt and if threats of war do not end, tears of sorrow at the folly of mankind will roll down from one of the eyes of the thousand-eyed Almighty."

Dr. D. D. Jadeja, Secretary of the Forum, welcomed the audience. Dr. Pramod Kumar Patel introduced the guest-speaker, Prof. Yashwant Shukla, as a mature critic of Gujarati literature and a man of letters. Dr. K. S. Shastri proposed a vote of thanks.

SEMINAR AT JWALAPUR, HARDWAR, (UP)

With reference to the announcement in the June 1981 Focus, we request the interested members to note the change in dates of the Seminar. The Seminar will be held for four days—from 30th September to 3rd October 1981 (instead of 12th to 16th September 1981). The following relevant information should be noted:-

1. Applications should reach World Union, Pondicherry Office before 25th August 1981.
2. The participants should reach at the following address at Jwalapur by the evening of the 29th September 1981.

Sri Aurobindo Yoga Mandir
Hardwar Road
JWALAPUR (Hardwar)

The place is within a short distance from Hardwar Railway Station from where cycle rickshaws are available. For those arriving by bus transport from Delhi or Ambala there is no problem because the bus stand is just opposite the Sri Aurobindo Yoga Mandir Centre.

3. (a) Additionally, it is proposed to take a tour of Badrinath-Kedarnath for five days from 24th to 28th September for those of the participants who may be interested in such a tour. Therefore those interested in joining such a tour should reach at the said address by the evening of 23rd September 1981 and keep provision for extra expense of the tour.
(b) Those interested in the said tour should specifically mention about same when applying for the Seminar and sending the registration fee of Rs. 25.00 as stated in the June 1981 Focus.
4. Dr. Kamooben Patel and Sri N. S. Amin will be in charge of the Seminar as well as the tour.
5. For ready reference we repeat that correspondence should be addressed to:

The Asst. General Secretary & Treasurer
WORLD UNION
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ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Kanpur: A meeting was held to listen to spiritual discourse by Shri Chandradeepji, a sublime and thoughtful Sadhak of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry. Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, Coordinator, presided. The programme commenced with a prayer and meditation.

Parmarthi Krishna Kumar Gupta garlanded **Shri Chandradeepji** and **Dr. Jayaswal** and expressed his deep sense of gratitude for their guidance and active cooperation in organising **World Union Centre** at **Kanpur**. **Sri R. K. Awasthi**, **General Secretary**, narrated the efforts made by the members with reference to **August 20, 1981** to commemorate the **World Union Day** by holding debates in various schools and colleges, organising lectures by eminent lawyers and professionals of the city on various topics connected with the problems of human unity.

Sri Chandradeepji in his spiritual discourse said that now-a-days the entire world was engrossed in the tendencies of creating power blocks in politics. They were fostering the forces of division and the most prominent of them were hatred, jealousy, egoistic efforts and struggle based on differences of castes, creed and political philosophies. He further said that the **Mother** at **Pondicherry** was a great messenger of peace and encouraged all to inculcate love for all living beings, particularly human beings because it is only love and understanding for each other that will help create peace in the individual and society. Further he emphasised the practice of truth which would keep our mind away from jealousy and hatred for others. This can be done by encouraging a deeper psychological and spiritual organisation of life. The conception of **World Union** is sure to be achieved by the rejection of evil forces and acceptance and practice of love and the sense of oneness of all life.

In the end **Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal** also urged the people to devote themselves to meditation and cleansing of their hearts. He thanked all the persons attending the meeting and expressed his hope that **Kanpur World Union Centre** will go on working for the attainment of the ends and ideals of the **World Union**. The meeting ended after meditation and the distribution of **Prasad**.

Mysore: At the monthly meeting held on 6-7-81, animated and illuminating discussions on aspects of **Gita**, based on the articles published in the journal were held at length, with the members participating. **Sri S. V. Venkataramaswamy** was the Moderator. Before the discussions commenced **Sri S. R. Subba Rao** gave a 'Resume' of the **Third National Conference** of **World Union Centres** in **India** held at **Bangalore** during **June 1981**. It was announced in the meeting that **Dr. C. K. N. Raja**, Professor and Head of the Department of Law, **Manasa Gangothri Mysore University**, has kindly consented to deliver a Talk on 'World Unity' at the next meeting of the Centre on 3-8-81. The Vice-Chairman of the Centre, **Sri S. R. Subba Rao** presided over the meeting.

New Alipur: On 2nd July, the monthly meeting commenced with a devotional song by **Manjusri** from **Bally**. **Maya Mukherjee** read out a poem of **Sri Charu Ch. Dutta** on the four aspects of the **Mother**. After a brief review of the **National Convention** at **Bangalore** by **Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee**, **Sri Rajen Ganguly** of **Pondicherry Ashram** narrated his personal experience with the **Mother** in the **Ashram** in his jubilant style. His mode of expression vibrated the whole atmosphere. On the aspect of human unity **Sri Ganguly** mentioned how the multiple diversities of three thousand people in the **Ashram** are unified in the **Mother's** spiritual consciousness. The only binding agent is the spiritual power of Love, which alone can reveal the true unity in diversity. The **Avatars** are essentially a chain at different levels

of evolution, hence any sectarian outlook with them is our foolishness. They all came for gradual upliftment of human consciousness at different ages which will ultimately culminate into "Universal Brotherhood on Spiritual Foundation"—as Mother said. The meeting ended with a duet song by Mira and Tanuja composed by Rabi Gupta saying "We have all assembled here at the call of the Mother".

Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, by his personal effort, created the possibility of opening some new Centres in Amtala and Behala—24 Parganas, Mecheda-Midnapur and Salt Lake-Calcutta. A programme has been discussed with some members to collaborate with other spiritual organisations, believing "Unity on Spiritual Foundation" and to spread "The Ideal of Human Unity" amongst our adjacent circles in different professions.

Shillong: In the monthly meeting held on 5-7-11, the final programme for celebration of the World Union Day was drawn up and it was further decided to take necessary steps to start a night school for the illiterate adults on 20th August this year. The meeting was presided over by Dr. J. Joseph.

Uttarpara: The 94th monthly Seminar of this Centre was held on Saturday the 17th July 1981 at Amarendra Vidyapith at 6:00 P.M. Sri Samar Basu presided. The subject of the Seminar was "Third National Convention", held in Bangalore. Sri P. K. Banerjee spoke at length on the arrangements made by India National Centre to host the delegates as also the programme chalked out to organise the Seminar. He also mentioned about the keynote address given by Sri M. P. Pandit and inaugural address by the Guest in Chief.

Then Sri Samar Basu spoke on the Consensus of the Convention with reference to the deliberations of the Fourth Triennial World Conference held in Pondicherry in December 1973. He emphasised that a large number of local centres started functioning after December 1973 and therefore, they have got no chance to become aware of the 'Panch-Sil' of World Union which were framed in that Conference. The recommendations made by that Conference are yet to be followed by all the Centres old and new.

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FREEDOM, EQUALITY, BROTHERHOOD

...The union of liberty and equality can only be achieved by the power of human brotherhood and it cannot be founded on anything else. But brotherhood exists only in the soul and by the soul; it can exist by nothing else. For this brotherhood is not a matter either of physical kinship or of vital association or of intellectual agreement. When the soul claims freedom, it is the freedom of its self-development, the self-development of the divine in man in all his being. When it claims equality, what it is claiming is that freedom equally for all and the recognition of the same soul, the same godhead in all human beings. When it strives for brotherhood, it is founding that equal freedom of self-development on a common aim, a common life, a unity of mind and feeling, founded upon the recognition of this inner spiritual unity. These three things are in fact the nature of the Soul; for freedom, equality, unity are the eternal attributes of the Spirit. . . .

Sri Aurobindo

"The Ideal of Human Unity"

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The following four items are in continuation of Bangalore Convention's report which appeared in July 1981 Focus:

General Body Meeting of the National Centre-India was held at 8:00 A.M. on June, 9 1981 under the Presidentship of Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau. He cordially welcomed the members who had met for the first General Body Meeting of the members after the National Centre was formed. He said that it was happy augury that there was such a good attendance and that, from all parts of the country. He invited their attention to the provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the National Centre and said that the Adhoc Office-Bearers and the Executive Committee which had been functioning so far had to be replaced by those elected and co-opted according to the Constitution.

Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana read the notice of the meeting and the report. The Office-bearers of the National Centre were unanimously elected.

Making his concluding remarks the President expressed his gratitude to the members for their cooperation and the happy way in which the election of the Office-bearers took place and the spirit in which suggestions were made by the members. The National Council now formed would meet in a brief while and coopt additional members to it and elect an Executive Committee as provided in the Constitution. It would then embark on its work. Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, Secretary, National Centre, thanked Sri M. P. Pandit, Sri A. B. Patel, Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau and all his colleagues and World Union members for their support and help and assured them that the new Office-bearers of the National Centre, with the wise guidance of the President, Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau, will do their best in promoting the World Union Movement and try to build a strong National Centre.

Meeting of the National Council of the National Centre was held at 11:00 A. M. on June 9, 1981 under the Presidentship of Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau, who welcomed the newly elected members of the National Council and said that the principal business before the Council was the cooption of ten members to the Council and the election of the Executive Committee. He said that he looked forward to carrying on the work of the National Centre with their sustained cooperation. Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana read the report and presented the accounts for the year 1980-81, which were adopted.

Ten members of the Executive Committee, proposed by A. B. Patel and seconded by Samar Basu, were unanimously elected. The names of the representatives of some World Union Centres for the National Council had not been received so far. The President was authorised to coopt ten members to the National Council, and to accept the names of the representatives of World Union Centres received hereafter. Sri K. S. Sridharan, Joint Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

List of the names of Office-bearers etc:

(i) President—Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau; Vice-Presidents—Sri N. S. Rao of Bombay and Sri Susanto Mittra of Calcutta; Hon. Secretary—Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana; Hon. Jt. Secretary—Sri K. S. Sridharan; Hon. Treasurer—Sri H. S. Narayana Setty.

(ii) Ten members of the Executive Committee: (1) Sri B. B. Subbarayan; (2) Sri T. S. Somasekhar; (3) Sri T. D. Naganna; (4) Sri K. R. Krishna Swamy; (5) Sri B. V. Balasubramanyam (Mysore); (6) Sri T. K. Sinha (Calcutta); (7) Sri J. N. Puri (New Delhi); (8) Dr. Kamoooben Patel (Pondicherry); (9) Sri N. S. Amin (Bombay) and (10) Sri M. D. P. Kamath (Nagpur).

(iii) The following members were elected to the National Council by the General Body Meeting: (1) Sri G. N. Sadhu, Khar Centre, Bombay; (2) Sri K. R. Hegde, Sion Centre, Bombay; (3) Sri R. G. Gogate, Bombay Centre; (4) Sri Samiran Ghosh, Sodepur Centre; (5) Sri Lakshminarayana Dutta, Calcutta Centre; (6) Dr. Biswanath Baral, Chandernagore Centre; (7) Sri T. K. Banerjee, Uttarpur Centre; (8) Sri Munivenkatappa, Bangalore Centre; (9) Smt. Bhuvaneswari Ramaswamy, Bangalore Centre; (10) Sri Shankha Bhattacharya, Baranagore Centre; (11) Sri Manish Chandradev Amin, Alambazar Centre; (12) Sri Gour Mohan Chatterjee, North Calcutta Centre; (13) Sri Nirod Chandra Roy, Calcutta North Suburban Centre; (14) Sri Dilip Kumar Dev, Palpara Centre; (15) Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee,

New Alipur Centre; (16) Sri Dwarkadas Shah, Pondicherry Local Centre: (17) Sri Ashok Kumar Roy Choudhury, Bon-Hooghly Centre.

(iv) Ex-Officio Members of the National Council: (a) National President; (b) Two National Vice-Presidents (c) National Joint Secretary; (d) One National Treasurer; (e) Chairman-World Union-International; (f) Vice-chairmen-World Union International; (g) General Secretary-World Union-International, (h) Treasurer-World Union-International; (i) Immediate Part President-National Centre; (j) Immediate Past Secretary-National Centre; (k) Regional Secretaries; (l) Zonal Coordinators.

Meeting of the Presidents and Secretaries of World Union Centres:

Meeting of the Presidents and Secretaries of World Union Centres was held at 1:00 PM on 9-6-81 under the Presidentship of Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau to bid them farewell. The President felt that it would be appropriate if Sri A. B. Patel who was the senior most personality and who, as the President had said earlier, was the father-figure of the Movement, graciously agreed to address the members by way of farewell which would really be in the nature of blessings to all of us. Before Sri Patel bade farewell, there was a lively and constructive discussion on the projects to be undertaken by the Centres to help the realisation of World Union aims and ideals. Sri Patel appealed to the Presidents and Secretaries of the Centres to undertake activities, suitable for each area, which would ensure, the growth of the World Union Movement. He urged them to do the World Union work with full faith in its ideals, with sincerity in execution of the projects undertaken and with humility in our work and in our contact with other individuals and organizations. He wished them all good return journey and a bright future.

Mrs. and Mr. Kenneth Brown of World Citizens Assembly, USA:

World Union members of Bangalore Centre and Office-bearers of the National Centre-India were at home to Mr. Kenneth Brown and Mrs. Susan Brown, members of World Citizens Assembly, San Francisco, California, USA, on July 23, 1981 at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, Bangalore, at 5:30 P.M. After the welcome of the Chief Guests by Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana President, World Union Bangalore Centre, Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau, President, National Centre-India, explained in detail the working of World Union National Centre, the role that World Union has been playing in bringing about world unity. Mr. Kenneth Brown explained in detail the functioning of World Citizens Assembly, his impression of the countries he has already visited, Japan and Hong Kong. This was followed by a mutual discussion of the necessity of regular two way communication between the World Citizens Assembly and World Union. Mr. Kenneth Brown was highly appreciative of the great and noble efforts being made by the World Union Organization in attaining world unity through spiritual means, based on scientific facts. He was receptive to the idea that World Citizens Assembly in its Bulletins should include reports of activities of World Union and vice-versa.

Forum for Peace, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar:

Under the auspices of the Forum for Peace, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Dr. Harbans Patel spoke on Political Goings On in Africa, with special reference to Uganda. The talk was held on Friday, July 24, 1981 in the N. A. & T. V. Patel Arts College. Dr. Patel reported the political climate in Uganda in the yester years and now and analysed the relations between Uganda and her neighbouring countries. He made a pointed reference to the contribution of Indians in the development of that country. Dr. D. D. Jadeja, Secretary of the Forum, spoke of the interest in the happenings in Africa or for that matter any other continent or country in the world. Though physically far apart all countries have come so near to each other that not only are the echoes of goings on in one part of the world audible elsewhere but they also directly influence the people everywhere, Dr. Jadeja observed. He quoted extensively from an article of Sri A. B. Patel, General Secretary, World Union, entitled "India's Duty and responsibility to give the Lead for the Building up of One World" published in "New Times Observer" (Weekly). These excerpts were read with a view to conveying to the idea of world unity and India's responsibility towards it. Sri R. K. Desai welcomed the guest speaker and Sri S. Mukherjee proposed a vote of thanks.

International Seminar on "The Role of Youth and Voluntary Organizations for Promoting Racial and Communal harmony for World Peace":

In view of the recent racial and communal disturbances both in India and in UK the Regional Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service, in Cooperation with the Central Bharat Sevak Samaj, organised an international Seminar on the above subject on 8th August 1981 in the premises of Sadhu Samaj Bhavan, 22 Sardar Patel Marg, New Delhi. The Seminar was attended by the representatives of International and Delhi-based voluntary organizations as well as individuals and students from different countries. J. N. Puri, Secretary, World Union Delhi Centre, represented World Union and participated in the Seminar. Every participant took part in the discussions which were purposeful and lively. Mr. Keith E. Frampton, Director of the Regional Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service, New Delhi, conducted and steered the Seminar and gave details of the growing racial and communal disharmony all over the world. The children of Mr. Frampton gave two very entertaining and moral based songs on "Let's Build a Better World". The songs conveyed the following message: "The world has become so small. The future of the world lies in our hands. The time is short and if we do not start to build a better world today, we may not have another chance tomorrow. Let us work together in love and peace to build a better world." The Seminar concluded with the need for action programme for the youth to be finalised shortly by a Committee set up on the spot and it was emphasised that there is need for generating moral and spiritual values of life and living among the children and youth so that they are saved from the fast growing degeneration all over the world. A number of young students associated with "Let's Build a Better World" reaffirmed their dedication to contribute their time for spreading the idea for BETTER WORLD to unite all mankind

regardless of race, creed, caste, colour, or religion in a practical voluntary loving way to "Build A Better World".

New Coordinator for Gujarat:

Sri G. N. Sadhu of Flats 3 & 4 Pushpendra Mansion, Phirozshah Road, Santa Cruz (West), Bombay-400054, is now a Coordinator of World Union for Gujarat in place of Sri Bhatt of Surat who resigned for lack of time, being very busy in the activities already undertaken by him. We take this opportunity of putting on record our grateful thanks for all that Sri Ishwarlal Bhatt did for the World Union Movement.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bon-Hooghly: The monthly meeting was held on 19-7-81 at the residence of Sri Ishwarlal Dulal Paul at 6.30 P.M. Sri Kalidas Karmakar was in the chair and Sri P.K. Sengupta was the main Speaker. The programme commenced after five minutes of group concentration.

Kumari Banasree Bhattacharya recited the Mother's poem "In peace and Silence the Eternal Manifest". Kumari Kakali Dutta read out a portion from the book "Mahayogi Sri Aurobindo". Kumari Sujata Sasmal read out a part from the book of the "Mother's Message". Sri Sengupta talked on yoga of Sri Aurobindo for preparing ourselves to be ready for the new world that is coming. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

North Bantra: The monthly meeting was held on 19.7.81. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee was kind enough to attend the meeting and nearly forty persons including some younger groups aged 10 to 14 years attended. To begin with flowers were offered at the feet of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

Sri Jiban Kr. Ghosh presided. Sri Prokash Ch. Neogi, opened the meeting introducing Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee to all and presenting Kumari Sumita Bose for the opening song-who offered the same sweetly. Dr. Mukherjee, the only Speaker of the day, elaborately explained the inner meaning of 'World Union' and the utility of its movement. He stated how human age resulted from material age step by step in evolution. The time gap is being minimised gradually and the duty of man is his spiritual progress aiming at superman age. He also stated the present world-wide uncertainty, insubordination, selfishness, non-cooperation and exploitation etc. are resulting in pressure and suffering which all sorts of energy and measures are failing to get rid of but can be solved spiritually. He also answered the questions of some members. All present were highly moved by his speech. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair. Sri Neogi expressed hearty gratitude to Dr. Mukherjee and thanked all who attended.

New Alipur: The monthly meeting on 6th August started with a song by Mira Mukherjee composed by Sri Rabi Gupta. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee read out and discussed a passage from "The Mother" stating how our lower nature can be conquered by developing the higher nature. The Divine power is working all the time and when it works through our ego it is behind the veil. Sri Indu Bhusan Singha Roy reminded the significance of the month of August and in this connection he talked on the different aspects of Sri Aurobindo – his literary, political, philosophy and lastly the yogic aspects. "The Life Divine", he said, is another Veda in the modern light. People, at present, are too busy in conquering the space and are completely ignorant of the philosophy of life on earth.

Dr. Mukherjee reminded the members about the 'Get-Together' on World Union Day. He emphasised that it is high time one should practice what one has learnt so far. Our aim is to realise the world union consciousness, which is already there, both by our individual and collective effort. One must start by practising a routine of discipline in one's daily life. The meeting ended with a song by Smt. Ashima De.

Salt Lake: The first monthly meeting of this newly opened Centre was held on 8th August 1981. In addition to the members, Sri P.P. Bhattacharya of Baranagore Centre, attended the meeting. The recognition letter was read out. An invitation from Bangalore Colony, Sri Aurobindo Parishad for Sri Aurobindo Jayanti on 15th August was accepted. A general discussion about meditation and its relationship with World Union took place. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

Uttarpara: The members celebrated 109th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo on Saturday, the 8th August 1981. After group concentration with the Mother's tape-recorded music and devotional song offered by Km. Banani and Nabanita, Sri S.K. Gupta inaugurated the celebration. Sri Samar Basu presided.

Students of different boys' and girls' school (local) read out their self-composed essays on "The Student Life of Sri Aurobindo". Km. Susmita Sinha offered Rabindra Sangeet of 'Swadeshi Yuga'. Sri P. K. Banerjee spoke on "Swadeshi Yuga and Sri Aurobindo". Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee of New Alipore Centre attended the celebration as a guest speaker and spoke on "Spirituality—The Goal of Human Life". He elucidated various points regarding what should be the aim of human life by citing quotations from the Mother and explained referring to interesting stories from the Upanishads and quotations from the Hour of God, why man could not help but achieve his aim. His mode of speaking was very attractive. Then Km. Rita Niyogi read out selected portion from *Savitri*, book one canto four. Sri Samar Basu explained the significance of 15th August by referring various events that took place on that date. Closing song was offered by Km. Banani and Nabanita. Thereafter, 'Prasad' was distributed.

New Centre:

Salt Lake: This new Centre was opened on July 19, 1981 under inspiration and guidance of Sri D.K. Bhattacharjee, the Chairman of World Union Alambazar Centre and was

inaugurated by Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya. The Chairman is Dr. R.K. De and the Secretary is Smt. Anjali Roy. The address of the Centre is that of the Secretary being: World Union Salt Lake Centre, AE 438 Sector-1, Salt Lake City, CALCUTTA 700064.

Jwalapur : This New Centre has been opened by Sri Sukhvir Arya in consultation with Dr. Kamooben Patel. He himself is the Secretary and his address is that of the Centre being: World Union Jwalapur Centre, Sri Aurobindo Yoga Mandir, JWALAPUR 249 407 (UP).

We note with special interest that an informal Seminar without a subject is to be held at Jwalapur at the Centre's address.

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*World Outlook—World Consciousness
World Citizenship
Persons of good will of the whole world:
Let's unite and build together
Peace and Harmony
on Truth, Honesty, Justice and Love*

*(From "Europe-Universe"
of April 1977)*

*Evolution is. . . a never ending process. . . starting at
the individual level and developing at our respective
local, regional, national and continental level up to
the world level, where it ought to be co-ordinated
and harmonized by the World Government so many
of us are auspicing.*

(From: "Evolution" of April, 1980)

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Bangalore Convention Statement:

"Practice of Oneness; The Caring Community" Programme of Action

The 3rd National Convention at Bangalore was inspired by a zealous effort to devise a practical programme which could make the World Union Movement more effective in realizing its noble objectives. It was from this point of view that the convention chose for its special theme for discussion "The Practice of Oneness; The Caring Community". While it is essential that the Movement should always keep its conceptional foundations firm and clear, it has to carry forward its programme of implementation so that the edifice of World Unity is durably erected on them. The concept of World Unity is as ancient as it is universal. It has been reaffirmed with comprehensiveness, concision and clarity as well as with prophetic

assurance and inspiring eloquence in the writings of Sri Aurobindo, especially in his book: "The Ideal of Human Unity". What Sri Aurobindo stresses is the spiritual dimension of the effort at World Unity without which its success could neither be ensured nor be lasting. The effort involves an awakening of humanity to its own inherent spirituality and the manifestation of its integral unity in the spirit. The action programme should consist therefore in steps to enlighten man everywhere in the world about his basic spirituality and in steps to reviving spiritual relationships between man and man in ever extending organizations regardless of religious, racial and national boundaries.

The instrumentation for the realization of world union would therefore have to be universal education for spiritual self-awareness and for integration of one's personality on such spiritual realization on the one hand and universal organization of larger and ever larger caring communities in which men demonstrate concern and love for one another because each of them realizes one's spiritual brotherhood with the other. Caring is the spirit in one calling to the same spirit in the other. It is as innumerable caring communities coalesce that the world itself becomes one integrated loving family of man.

The 3rd National Convention discussed the modus operandi for the promotion of such caring communities in depth and felt that the following programme of action would have to be pursued. (A) As without man's realizing his essential spiritual nature and without his developing a fully integrated personality overcoming the divisive forces within himself, it would be in vain to hope for spiritual relationships of true care and concern to be built up, it would be necessary to undertake a massive educational campaign, utilising all the communication media available, through all the World Union Centres, carrying the message of man's basic spirituality to every man, woman and child all over the world. (B) Such an educative effort should be all the more vigorously directed towards the invitation of the youth of the world so that the future hope of mankind is fully secured. (C) Each like-minded service organization has to be assisted with the supplementation and support of basic spiritual foundations so that other existing organizations also help in the caring community movement. (D) Each World Union Centre has to create a caring community around itself, informing with spiritual purpose the existing neighbourhoods, associations, municipal and larger political, economic, social and administrative organizations, so that they are fertilised into stable caring communities imbued with the spirit of human fellowship. (E) The United Nations and its supportive World Organizations should be strengthened with the persuasion of each country to be a signatory to the Constitution for the Federation of Earth.

To achieve the objectives set out in (A) and (B) it would be necessary to publish at subsidised prices not only the central canon of Sri Aurobindo's writings but also the relevant extracts from the scriptures of the various religions of the world bearing on the essential spiritual nature of man and to organize expositions and exhibits on a universal scale for the enlightenment of those who would badly need audiovisual aid to absorb the message. It would also be desirable to incorporate in the educational curricula of all the countries of the world the basic truths of human spirituality and human unity. Finally, a strong youth movement has to be organised which believes in the ideals of world brotherhood and man's spiritual nature and destiny.

To achieve the objectives set out in (C) and (D), it would help to establish more and

more World Union Centres and to meet and interact with not only like-minded organizations but also with organizations in the administrative hierarchy like the village panchayats, the municipal wards and Corporations and the legislatures in the parliaments of all the countries adding to their present awareness the life saving awareness of the missing vital spiritual dimension.

It is naturally a colossal task, but there is the prophetic assurance of the inevitable emergence of a true and lasting world union in the words of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother to give us all hope and confidence in our efforts. We swim with the tide of the inherent laws of the universe and with the inherent processes of man's spiritual being and man's further spiritual evolution. This 3rd National Convention resulted in defining the creative dynamics of the organization of caring communities from the bottom upwards to the Federation of Earth and in giving a call for devoted and dedicated action on a wide front to realize the ideal of human unity.

World Union Day Celebrations: By some Centres in West Bengal:

The members of different local Centres in West Bengal and invitees of several sister organizations celebrated "World Union Day" on Sunday the 23rd August 1981 at Bhadrakali H. S. School. World Union Uttarpara Centre organised the function and hosted the delegates and guests.

After registration of the delegates, Sri Susanto Mitra, a Vice-Chairman of Regional Centre, hoisted the 'Mother's Flag' at 9:00 A. M. accompanied by March Past by the band party of Bhadrakali 'Sammilani' and with Bande Mataram'.

After the break-fast the morning session started at 10:00 A.M. with the devotional song offered by Km. Medha Banerjee and group concentration, under the chairmanship of Sri S. K. Gupta.

Sri T. K. Sinha, Secretary, Regional Centre, invoked the Mother's presence by reciting a few relevant lines from 'Savitri' and welcomed the delegates, the distinguished guests and the invitees.

Sri Samar Basu inaugurated the celebration by giving a brief summary of the World Union Movement and the significance of the celebration. In his introductory speech on the subject "Mission of India and how to fulfill it" Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, a Vice-Chairman of Regional Centre, emphasised "Yogastakuru Karmani" i.e. 'Karma Yoga' as stated in the Gita and indicated that without Yoga man cannot take the next step of evolution. So Yoga must be revealed to mankind'.

Thereafter three students from Salt Lake City Centre, Uttarpara Centre and New Alipore Centre read out their self-composed essays on the said subject and Km. Medha Banerjee read out the article of Sri A. B. Patel on "India's Duty and Responsibility" (translated). Then the Chairman invited members from the Assembly, both young and old, to speak on the subject, whereupon Dr. S. N. Bhattacharya, Sri N. K. Roy, Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, Sriman Subrata Betal (Student of New Alipore Centre) and Dr. Arun Sil responded and spoke briefly.

Thereafter the Chairman concluded the session at about 1 O'clock with his well thought comments. Prizes were distributed among participating students. After lunch the afternoon session commenced at 2:00 P.M., Sri P. P. Bhattacharya presiding.

In pursuance of the suggestions of the Executive Committee of the International Centre, a Seminar on "Human Unity: Fundamental of all Religions", was conducted in which representatives from Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam participated.

Dr. Arun Sil, Chairman, Regional Centre, opened the discussion.

In his learned speech Srimat Devananda Brahmachari of Rishra Prem Mandir, explained the 'Truth' of the 'Sanatan Dharma' to treat everything as habitat of God and to love it, by citing from memory relevant quotations from the Upanishad, the Gita and the Puranas.

Then Shrimat Pragnabansa Bhikshu, M. A. of Dharmankur, Buddha Bihar Calcutta, explained the teachings of Buddha—the Incarnate of 'Prem and Ahimsa'. Though he appreciated the holding of such Seminars at the present critical time of human history, yet he explained that mere holding of Seminars and conferences would not serve the purpose, what was needed was a band of dedicated cadres.

Rev. Arindam Nath of Serampore Baptist Church and Editor of 'Nabayan' indicated that all of us were children of the same Father and therefore we must love each other as brothers and neighbours. He quoted from memory a few well-known episodes from the Bible. He also emphasised that human unity and world union could certainly be made on the basis of true brotherhood. He was sure that the movement must attain its goal because that was the will of God.

Then Janab Abdul Aziz Al-Aman, Editor of 'KAFELA'—with due humility depicted a few memorable occasions of his early life which led him to study very deeply the scriptures of all religions, specially of Hinduism. He indicated with precision that if every man would try to become the true follower of his own religion and assimilate its essence then there would be no scope of conflict and misunderstanding and it would be possible for humanity to realise the truth lying in the concept of unity among diversity. He elucidated his statement by quoting from the Vedas and the Koran.

Sri P. P. Bhattacharjee concluded the Seminar explaining the meaning of personal religion to which the trend of human mind started moving. This was a very encouraging indication. Sri Bhattacharjee emphasised that communal feeling would no longer grow and act as a factor of disintegration. The Assembly then took part in the programme of joint prayer for peace and harmony all over the world. The distinguished speakers joined in the prayer.

After tea break the cultural programme "Giti-Alekhya" on the Life and Teachings of Sri Ramkrishna started. This was an offering of Sri Umesh Roy Choudhury and his co-artists. Sri Samar Basu proposed a vote of thanks and the celebration ended at about 7:15 P.M.

By World Union Kanpur Centre:

The World Union Day was celebrated on 20th August 1981 at 7:00 P.M. under the Presidentship of Dr. Mohan Lal Ji Vidyarthi, M. A., Ph. D. Parmarthi K. Kumar Gupta garlanded Sri M. L. Vidyarthi and Mr. B. S. Sibal. After the welcome address by the President Sri K. K. Gupta, a two minute meditation was observed all present.

Sri Ram krishna Awasthi, General Secretary of Kanpur World Union Centre, submitted his annual report and informed all about the aims of World Union International and when it was founded. He described the project to be taken up this year and emphasised upon the two projects viz: (1) Know the World and (2) Visits of students 14-18 age group to Mills, Factories and other government undertakings. It was also decided that World Union Kanpur Centre will actively take part in aiding, helping and guiding the physically handicapped or disabled persons in the world. In this gathering of professors, teachers, lawyers and businessmen, the Secretary asked for their cooperation so that World Union Projects may succeed and result in the service of humanity.

Dr. M. L. Vidyarthi explained the principles of World Union and emphasised that World Unity is bound to materialise inspite of any destruction that may take place in the world due to differences of super powers like USA and USSR. Let us reject our ego and abandon our egotistic efforts and develop the love for all the people in the world. The projects now taken up by World Union International will inculcate the feelings of love and cooperation and the students who have taken part in these projects will serve as future guides to the attainment of the goal of World Union. Besides external means, we should also develop the inward means by the feelings of love and independence. For the purpose spiritual discourses should be held which will enlighten the mind and compel persons to move the path of self purification. However, it was a good beginning with the students of 14-18 age group and when they grow up they will work for the world unity. Let us start from our own locality and ultimately we shall see these students devoting themselves to translate the idea of world unity into action and thus the goal of world union as shown by Maharshi Aurobindo will ipso facto be achieved in the end.

Sri S. K. Kapoor, Secretary of Sri Aurobindo Society, Kanpur, recited a few prayers and a few extracts from 'Savitri' composed by Maharshi Aurobindo. Mr. B. S. Sibal, also blessed World Union workers to achieve success and attain their cherished goal. In the end of the President, World Union Kanpur Centre, thanked all. World Union Day celebration ended with meditation, prayer and distribution of Prasad.

World Union Bombay, Khar and Sion Centres:

Under the auspices of Bombay, Khar and Sion Centres, World Union Day was celebrated on 20th August at 'Sahakar' B. Road, Churchgate, Bombay 400020 at 6:30 P.M. The Celebration commenced with silent meditation with Mother's music (Hour of God). The celebration ended with distribution of Prasad. In continuation of this celebration a meeting of the members of World Union was held on 22-8-81 at 3:30 P.M. at 'Sahakar' Bombay and Mr. K. R. Hegde suggested that small project of integral life institute should be started. Mr. N. S. Amin suggested that a small project on the spiritual significance of flowers, (flowers and messages) should be started. Then Mr. Kutty quoted lines from 'Savitri' and explained how God and Nature are one. As part of the celebration a get together of members was held at 'Hotel Samrat'.

By Bangalore National & Local Centres:

Under the joint auspices of the National Centre and Bangalore Centre of World Union, World Union Day was celebrated on August 29, 1981 at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, Bangalore. An Inter Collegiate debate was held at 3:30 P.M. The subject of the debate was "The Alternative to Military Struggle is Political Struggle". Twelve colleges participated. Thirteen girl students and eleven boys represented their colleges. Smt C. Sharada, Advocate and Chairman, Karnataka Social Welfare Board, functioned as the Speaker. Smt. Yamuna Raja Rao, Sri H. S. Nagaraj and Smt. Lalita Krishnaswamy were the judges. The debate was of high standard. The rolling shield was awarded to St. Joseph's College. Sri Stephen D'Silve of St. Joseph, Kumari Vasanthi of Jyotinivas College, Sri Arvind Kastur of St. Joseph, Kumari Shashikala Nambiar of Mount Carmel College, won the first, second, third and fourth prizes respectively. Prizes and certificates were presented to the winners by Smt. Sharada, who spoke of the high standard of the debate and appealed to the student community to take active part in the World Union Movement.

At 6:30 P.M. the Assembly met under the Chairmanship of Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao. After the invocation by Kumari V.T. Malini, Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana, President World Union, Bangalore Centre, delivering the welcome address, traced the beginning and growth of The World Union Movement, its philosophy, achievements and the role of youth in the Movement. Members of Aarathi Vrinda gave a delightful performance of devotional music. Prof. R.G. Kulakarni of Sri Satya Sai College, the Chief Guest of the day, delivering his address traced his association with Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and how he was influenced by their teachings. Quoting extensively from scriptures, Vedas, Puranas and Smritis, he elaborated the concept of world unity and human fellowship. He said unless man narrows the margin between precept and practice and the society takes care of the suffering and downtrodden, the world can never be a happy place to live in. Justice Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao, in his Presidential speech, spoke about the significance of World Union Day and its relevance to the modern times. Sri B.V. Subbarayan proposed a vote of thanks.

By World Union Sultanpur Centre:

The World Union Centre of Sultanpur celebrated World Union Day (20-8-81) as the culmination function of Shri Aurobindo Jayanti Week with birthday celebrations on 15th August 1981 at 'Shantakaram' residence of Dr. H.D. Shukla, Chairman, Sri Aurobindo Society, Sultanpur. The closing function, held in 'Kala Bhavan', Sri M.P. Sahi's residence, heralded the prize winners of an essay competition, held during the week on "World Peace: Ideal and its Achievement" amongst Standard XII boys and girls of five local Intermediate Colleges, with a view to arouse interest and an awakening among them for the growth of the World Union Movement. Dr. Ashutosh, the Principal, Muneshwar Datt Post-Graduate College, Pratapgarh (UP), was the Chief Guest in the function. Dr. D.C. Banik, President, Local World Union presiding.

The celebrations opened with a sober rendering of a geet on Sri Aurobindo's incarnation, set to music by Sri M.P. Sahi, the host. The Secretary local World Union Centre, in his

rointductory speech, stressed the imperative need of universally accepted social values and norms of moral conduct, as a pre-requisite to uplift social life to a point that may herald the dawn of an era of stable world peace on this strife-torn planet. Dr. D.C. Banik announced the names of the first three prize winners, along with two consolation prize winners. Mohd Syed, Student of Local Govt. Inter College, stood first in the essay competition and he read his essay in the function, which was greeted with wide acclamation by the audience.

Dr. Ashutosh, the Chief Guest made an inspiring, instructive and long address and began his speech reciting verses from a poem of Sri Rabindra Nath Tagore in Bengali, which emphasised the great role of the Indian Civilisation as a cradle for all incoming western civilizations in the past and as the world leader in philosophic thoughts and spirituality in future as well. He said "The World is One, the Man inhabiting it is also one everywhere, but the irony is that his own ego, selfish nature, his false sense of racial superiority, resulting in the generation of feelings of hatred, animosity and exploitation of fellow-beings tend to disrupt the bond of unity. The essence of all religions is to live for the love of God, for oneself, for the nation and the world community."

He pointed out that Sri Aurobindo's thoughts on evolution further encourage us to mould our individual and social behaviour to achieve world unity. As per his theory of Natural (Spiritual) Evolution, man's present 'Consciousness' (Manas Chetna) is bound to change into Supramental Consciousness.

Concluding his discourse, Dr. Ashutosh said "We are all born with the Lotus (Arvind) of true knowledge and wisdom enshrined in our hearts. We have only to delve deep into our hearts to find this embedded Lotus of Truth in us, bathe our being in its sublime light and drink deep its sweet essence and act as an 'instrument' of Divinity within us for the benefit of Mankind."

The celebrations came to a close with the Presidential address and thanks giving by Dr. D. C. Banik and distribution of 'Prasad' by the host. Sri Nathu Singh Tolia, Youth Coordinator, Nehru Yuvak Kendra, nicely conducted the function and helped in preparation and putting up of cultural items by local school girls in collaboration with Sri Satya Dev Tiwari, Editor, 'Rishi Desh', local weekly paper. Sri Ram Krishna Jaiswal, Lecturer local Mahatma Gandhi Inter College, proved to be a great source of inspiration for the entire organization of the function.

By World Union Calcutta North Suburban Centre:

The World Union Day was celebrated on the 20th August 1981 by the CNSC members of the Rajabagan Mazoor Line, Calcutta 700035, at the Bapuji library hall. The Chairman of the CNSC who presided over the function, while introducing the subject of the World Union Day thanked the congregation for keen interest shown by them, and asserted that Sri Aurobindo's World Union is the only way to the satisfactory solution of the world problems. Dr. N. R. Karmakar opened in his characteristic simple way, 'We witness now-a-days unions of all descriptions of physical labourers, small traders, unions even of clerks, teachers, lawyers, physicians, students, etc., but we forget to remember that we need, very badly need, a union of our inner men also; without this union of inner souls one cannot expect peace

and happiness in this world.' Sri R. N. Bhattacharjee, Secretary CNSC, emphasised that the idea of World Union would remain illusory unless and until the inner souls are awakened to find out our right discrimination within us. And for that we have to ask inner man, our best inner Guru in the heart, than any Guru outside.

By World Union Shillong Centre:

The World Union Day was celebrated on 20-8-81 by holding a symposium in the North Eastern Hill University campus on the theme "Human Unity and World Peace" under the Presidentship of Dr. Harsh Narayan.

It was opened with a devotional song in Sanskrit, sung by Sarbasri-Protap Bhattacharjee, Sibapada Choudhuri, Prodip Das Gupta, Jnan Ranjan Ahikari, Sunirmal Purkaystha and Srimati Shila Bhattacharjee.

Sri R. N. Barua, Sri C. Wolflung and Srimati D. Sailo spoke on the occasion. Hindi, Khasi, Lushai and Kannada devotional songs were sung by Sri Jnan Ranjan Adhikari with Sri Sibapada Choudhury, Srimati Balalupa Mawlong, Srimati Rummawii and Srimati N. R. Murthi a radio artist, respectively. The functions ended with an English song, sung by the group of the opening song.

In order to popularise the World Union Movement, arrangements were made to broadcast the programme of the function as well as speeches of the Speakers, in the All India Radio, Shillong Branch.

The proposed night school for the illiterate adults that had to be opened on 20-8-81 to mark the World Union Day 1981, could not be started due to some difficulties in following the school syllabus at this end of the academic session. Preparations for starting the school have however been completed for formally starting the same during the second week of February, when the next session starts.

By World Union Bon-Hooghly Centre:

On 20-8-81 this centre observed the 'World Union Day' with the following programme: (a) At 9:00 A.M. 200 books of "Ideal Child" were distributed among the children and a short discussion was held on the World Union Movement and messages of the Mother for mankind on earth were read out. (b) At 6:00 P.M. the members and invitees assembled at the residence of Dr. B. Bhattacharya. Opening song was offered by Km. Banasree Bhattacharya and she also read out "Durga Stotra" of Sri Aurobindo. There was five minutes group concentration. Sri Dulal Chandra Paul took the Chair. Sri Manick Bhowmic was the Chief Guest. Dr. B. Bhattacharya talked on 'World Union' Movement and its formation with quotations of the Mother's message. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

By Pondicherry :

It was arranged to celebrate the World Union Day in Pondicherry on the 20th August 1981 under the joint auspices of the Government Law College of Pondicherry and World

Union. But the date had to be changed to the 5th September 1981 as the examinations in the Government Law College had to be fixed in August instead of July. The subject selected for the celebration was "The Duty of the Society Towards Disabled Persons" and the Principal of the Government Law College intended to invite experts on the subject as Speakers. For unavoidable reasons the celebration could not be held on the 5th September as intended and had to be cancelled.

Dr. Salem S. Jayalakshmi:

We are happy to mention that Miss Jayalakshmi, who is an active worker of World Union in Madras, was awarded on July 23, 1981 the Cultural Doctorate in Philosophy of Music by World University in Tucson, Arizona, USA. We congratulate her.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Baranagar: In the monthly meeting on September 6 with Smt. Juiphul Roy in the Chair, Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya reviewed the West Bengal Regional congregation held on August 23 at Uttarpara. As proposed by Sri Parimal Chakraborty the Centre has decided to stage "The Great Ideal" written by Sri Norman Dowsett and edited by Sri Jnan Dutt after a thorough rehearsal. Participation in the drama by the members of other Centres has been kept open.

Calcutta North Suburban: 15th August the birthday of Sri Aurobindo was celebrated in a whole day programme:

(a) The Centre's premises from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. where the members gathered to participate in the meditation followed by a talk by the Chairman on the importance and influence of this auspicious date on the world. (b) At a cinema hall where a charity film show arranged by a local organization to raise funds for construction of the proposed Sri Aurobindo Mandir in the locality.

(c) At the hall of the local Municipal School a public meeting held in the evening presided over by Sri N.C. Ray, the Chairman of the Centre. The meeting started with an opening song on Sri Aurobindo sung by Sri Soumendranath and his troupe. The Chairman read out the message of Dr. Arun Sil, Chairman of the West Bengal Regional Committee and of Sri Samar Basu, Coordinator who could not attend due to pre-occupation. Prof. Sunit Bose initiated the talk to say that the Indian youths who have now got their political freedom were yet to cultivate the mental freedom for ushering in the real prosperity of India, and for that they badly need Sri Aurobindo. Sri Dilip Deb of the Palpara Centre read out excerpts from an article of Raghunandan to tell the audience that Sri Aurobindo is no other than Sri Krishna himself. Dr. N.R. Karmakar of the CNSC dwelt on to describe how the revolutionary Yogi

turned into an evolutionary Yogi for raising the world to a status of higher civilization of higher consciousness, where not a single man would remain unhappy. The meeting ended with the Chairman's concluding speech on the importance and urgent need of Sri Aurobindo for the present world.

Hyderabad: Hiroshima Day was celebrated on 6th August 1981 by this Centre in collaboration with the World Family Centre and the Forum for Right to Work, under the Chairmanship of the Forum's President, Sri Laxman Rao Karchalkar, Advocate. Dr. M. Satyanaryana, President of the World Family said that on that day, thirty six years back, one atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima which practically destroyed the whole city killing thousands of innocent human beings. On that day man hated man the most and insulted human civilization the most. But today the whole humanity stands at more dangerous cross roads with thousands of atom bombs and Hydrogen bombs, each of which having the capacity to bring more destruction than the first atom bomb, threatening to invite a Third World War. If such thing happens man is bound to go back to the stone age in his civilization.

Sri Kashinath Advocate, Hon. Secretary of the Centre, said Hiroshima event created an untold horror for the entire mankind which still continues in the minds of millions of men and women who curse their fate for being born in this century. These innocent millions ask God, after all what was their crime or sin for which he is punishing them to be in constant fear of death. But the fact is that it is not God but it is man who has created such a pitiful situation for his race. The only remedy for this chaotic state of affairs, prevailing throughout the world is to establish a single government for the whole world.

Sri Laxman Rao Karchalkar said that the need of the day was the unity of mankind on the principles of human equality, guaranteeing all men and women the five essentials of civilised life; that is, food, cloth, shelter, medical benefit and education for children. Today the first four of the above five essentials are enjoyed even by prisoners whereas free citizens are deprived of them. This makes criminal life to be more attractive than the civilised or spiritual life. Hence we have to establish a system which encourages human beings to be civilized to treat his neighbour as his own brother. We have to see that no human being goes to bed without bread.

Mysore: The monthly meeting was held on 16-9-81. A resolution expressing condolence over the sad demise and praying that the soul may rest in peace, as relating to Smt. Seethalakshmi, wife of Sri B.V. Balasubrahmanyam, Chairman of the Centre on 7-8-81 was passed.

After observing one minute silent prayer for world peace, Dr. C.K.N. Raja, Professor and Head of the P.G. Department of Law and Dean, Faculty of Law, Mysore University, was introduced by the Chairman as the Guest Speaker of the day, while welcoming the members and audience. Sri S.R. Subba Rao, Vice-Chairman, read out the message from Justice Nittoor Srinivasa Rao, Chairman of the National Centre and Prof. K.S. Viswanathan, President of Nanjangud Centre.

Elaborating on the topic "United Nations and its Contribution to World Peace" Dr. Raja in his 100 minutes speech, preferred a new approach of dwelling on controversial aspects of

the subject than the traditional way of explaining the Constitution and Charter of United Nations. His analysis of the Security Council, dominated by the five great permanent powers, being helpless and unsuccessful due to the inherent constitutional defect of the provision dealing with the concurrent veto power of the said permanent members, was highly convincing. He highlighted the 10 points like Regional Organizations becoming more prominent than the Central Organization, absence of the fight for human rights, super power politics, transnational operations affecting economic order, population explosion, environmental pollution, deep sea resources etc. and said that unless these inhibiting factors are removed or remedied there can be no climate for world peace. United Nations will be united nations and global peace will be pieces galore. He, however, concluded that there is no need to lose hope, instead we march towards the goal of world peace with full optimism.

The brilliant address by the Speaker was appreciated by the audience by giving him a standing ovation. Sri S.K. Lakshminarayana, member extended a hearty vote of thanks.

Nanjangud: Some latest and authoritative books on Economics (published in USA), some books on United Nations and thirty six back numbers of "World Union" journal (including the recent issues of this journal) were presented to Mahajana College, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysore, a reputed educational institution of Mysore, by Lion Prof K. S. Viswanathan, President, World Union Nanjangud Centre and President WCPA Karnataka Chapter in connection with "World Union Day". Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan has in his covering letter to this College given an idea about the importance of World Union Day which is being celebrated by World Union Centres in India and abroad. He has also requested the authorities of this College to draw the attention of its students and staff to the aims and achievements of World Union by going through the pages of "World Union" journal presented to this College. The Principal of Mahajana College, Mysore Sri C. Visveswara has expressed his sincere gratitude to Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan. He has written to say that he is particularly gratified as those books and journals have been given in connection with World Union Day. The idea behind the gift of the back numbers of "World Union" is to help the students and staff to know about the laudable aims and achievements of World Union and spread its message among their friends.

Sundarika This Centre observed the 15th August 1981 as Independence Day and Birthday of Sri Aurobindo. The function started with the National anthem. Smt. Sanghamitra Biswas, Suchismite Biswas and Tamal Biswas participated in the Music and sang devotional songs of Rabindranath Tagore and Atul Prasad Sen. Some devotional poems were also recited.

Sri Sukdeb Mukhopadhyay, Chairman and Sri Panchanan Biswas, Secretary, took part in the discussion on the subjects: (1) The history and significance of two national songs—'Jana-Gana-Mana' of the great poet, Rabindranath and 'Bande Mataram' of Rishi Bankim Chandra; (2) The Life and revolutionary and activities of Sri Aurobindo in connection with Freedom Movement in India.

A Chapter of the Bhagavat Geeta was also read along with Bengali version. The function ended with devotional songs sung by Amitabha Biswas.

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WORLD UNION BUILDING FUND:

Purchase of World Union Building:

In the September 1981 issue of Focus we showed a Building Fund of amount of Rs. 2,13,584-70. Now we wish to advise our readers that during September 1981 we purchased the building in which the World Union Office is situated since 1969 (excepting one year during 1978-79). In view of the fast rising prices we had to pay an amount considerably exceeding the amount on hand. Therefore now the amount on hand is NIL. The street address of the building is "No. 44 Rue Desbassyns de Richemont, Pondicherry 605001". The postal address remains the same as before being: World Union Pondicherry 605002.

Donations for the Building Fund are still most welcome.



**General Secretary
September 19, 1981**

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TOWARDS A NEW WORLD

There are ample signs and indications that a new consciousness has entered into earth atmosphere and is influencing earth life for an onward march. Innumerable international governmental and non-governmental seminars, conferences, conventions and gatherings are held every year for the consideration and solution of international problems. Similarly, national gatherings are held for the consideration and solution of national problems. In international gatherings several aspects of earth life are examined with global attitudes and outlook, with a view to the realisation of the new ideals and truths pressing for manifestation and expression in the life of humanity. But the participants in such international gatherings do not apply their minds to the need of creating a global machinery to enforce the decisions taken in such gatherings. For want of such global machinery (such as World Government and/or World Law) many of these decisions remain unfulfilled and unexecuted. The Time-Spirit demands that the national leaders in the world must awaken to the need of a global machinery to enforce such international decisions. How can one expect a new international economic order or any form of a new world order without such a global machinery?

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Provisional World Parliament:

As envisaged in the Constitution for the Federation of Earth adopted by the Second World Constituent Assembly held at Innsbruck, Austria, in June 1977 and as decided by the Fourth Assembly of the World Constitution and Parliament Association held at New Delhi in February 1981, Provisional World Parliament will meet at Brighton in United Kingdom from the 4th to the 17th September 1982.

On the 9th and 10th September 1981, the scheduled meeting of the Executive Cabinet and Steering Committee of WCPA for the Provisional World Parliament was held at the Grand Hotel in Brighton (England). The meeting adopted 18 motions concerning the preparations, programmes and detailed development of the Provisional World Parliament. Here are some important and outstanding decisions:

(i) It was decided to confirm the meeting of the Provisional World Parliament by March 31, 1982, if the Secretary General had by that time on hand a minimum amount of U. S. \$50,000/-.

(ii) In that event around April 1982 Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe of Sri Lanka would go to Brighton and set up an office to prepare the meeting of the Provisional World Parliament, while the Secretary General would continue to make world-wide preparations from his office in Denver.

(iii) The date for the Provisional World Parliament was fixed from September 4 to 17, 1982, with the residence at Grand Hotel and the inauguration and plenary meetings at the Royal Pavilion Estate, Brighton.

(iv) A general Call for a New World Order was presented by Mr. Reinhart Ruge, Co-President of WCPA and was accepted by the meeting. It will be circulated to all concerned in due course.

(v) After the meeting in Brighton, Mr. Ahmed Jaffer, a delegate from Pakistan, organised a special tea party at the English Speaking Union Club in London with most outstanding persons attending. All members of the Executive Cabinet, who were present, made short addresses explaining purposes and objectives of the WCPA and Provisional World Parliament. The event was a great success and widely reported in the London Press. Afterwards Mr. Ahmed Jaffer gave a special reception at a most exclusive Club of London.

All necessary steps are being taken to collect necessary fund and to attract suitable delegates to attend the World Parliament from various countries of the world, particularly from the members of national parliaments. Efforts are being made to persuade some of the world leaders to act as sponsors for the Provisional World Parliament. Already Sir Mohamed Zafarulla Khan, Lord Brockway, Lord Noel-Baker and Justice Abu Syed Chowdhury, former President of Bangladesh, have agreed to be sponsors. The agenda of the Provisional World Parliament will include pressing world problems and it is envisaged that this will be the most important event for the formation of a Democratic Federal World Government.

Planetary Initiative for the World We Choose : Crisis and Opportunity :

The Planetary Initiative for the World We choose is a positive and concerted program being conducted on a global scale. It is designed to offset the widespread sense of pessimism and anxiety being felt by many and to give people a role in choosing their future. It is a program in which every person can have a part, and in which you are needed.

The 1980's are a time of high tension, crucial challenge and change for humanity. Existing institutions and the values and attitudes they represent are having great difficulty in meeting global problems—such as the arms race, poverty, pollution, hunger, energy shortages and unemployment. These issues are tending to merge into a "mega" crisis, which requires a broad and well-informed human response.

People need to know, first of all, that the shape of the world is of their own choosing, and that they can change it to something better for all of us. The Planetary Initiative is a means for people in many different countries to overcome their sense of helplessness and become part of the process of change.

THE PROGRAM: "THINKING GLOBALLY, ACTING LOCALLY"

A very broad coalition of organizations and groups is joining together to carry out the Planetary Initiative program. Coordinating units are forming in Australia, United Kingdom, Europe, Scandinavia, Canada and the United States presently, and networks are being built for similar efforts in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Contacts in Eastern European countries are also being pursued.

Here is how the plan will work:

Grass Roots discussions: Local coalitions will be responsible for launching hundreds of small discussion groups at the "grass roots" level in local communities. These discussions will cover each of the major world problems, how they interrelate, and how they affect our lives and communities. Everyone will contribute her/his thoughts and feelings on the kind of world we want and what changes are needed to bring it about.

The "pyramiding" beings: The discussion group participants will take part in "town hall" meetings in cities large and small. At the same time, many participants may be motivated to join activities of groups and organizations working on the solutions to the problems, or demonstrating a better way of life.

State/province/or bioregional conferences follow, where a clearer consensus of a "preferred future" will begin to emerge. The next step is a major national conference in each country.

Planetary Congress : The final stage of the process will bring participants/delegates to continental and planetary congresses, where a new view of the world's future, with a powerful mandate of people from throughout the world will be developed. Celebratory activities in which a large public can participate will also be planned.

The program will be carried out over two years' time. It is a social process involving a large number of people in helping to determine their own future. Every stage will have important impact; and after the program is over, a new and large constituency for positive social change will be in existence, as well as a major network with global linkages.

HOW YOU CAN TAKE PART

1. *Send us your name to register for participation in the Planetary Initiative for the World We Choose.*
2. *Alert your friends and acquaintances, the organizations and groups to which you belong to take part.*
3. *Send for fuller information. The program is still in its initial stages, and there is much to be done before it goes public in a big way.*

We will send information on local contacts and how the program is developing in your area, and background and organization kits as they are developed.

HOW THE PLANETARY INITIATIVE IS ORGANIZED

The Planetary Initiative consists of a broad and international group of organizations and people, who decided to work together to effect fundamental change in the direction of human affairs. Member groups of the coalition send representatives to take part in an international Coordinating Council. National and local coordinating councils are being set up the same way. At the present the Planetary Citizens is serving as Secretariat for the program.

You are invited to take part in the Planetary Initiative for the World We Choose, and to join with citizens from throughout your area to deliberate and act together. And if you wish, you can follow the process all the way to the culminating Planetary Congress in two years' time. From that Congress will come a consensus mandate from ordinary people of all walks of life from throughout the world for a greatly different future—one the planet can sustain and one that is responsive to the needs of all Earth's inhabitants.

Any person interested in the Planetary Initiative for the World We Choose can write C/o Planetary Citizens, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017, USA, requesting for his or her inclusion as a participant in it, requesting fuller information on the programme and how he or she can help. One should state one's particular skills and interests and should give his or her full name with address, and if possible the remittance of a suitable contribution will be helpful to the work.

Celebration of Maatri Divas:

Indian Housewives Federation, G-1 Anand Niketan, New Delhi 110021, of which Mrs. Savitri Nigam is the Founder President, has arranged to celebrate Maatri Divas on the 19th November 1981 in order to revive India's cultural heritage which had motivated a galaxy of saints and philosophers to emphasise the importance, respectability and prestigious place of the mother in the family, society and the nation.

There is little doubt that all crimes against women, like rape, bride-burning and flesh trade are due to the eroded respectability which the mother had enjoyed at all times in India. This must be revived for doing which several constructive methods are suggested by the Indian Housewives Federation in the papers circulated.

The celebration function on the 19th November 1981 will be held at Vigyan Bhavan and will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India.

It is planned for the occasion to publish the Newest Publication for all Times: "The Glory of the Mother" to be released on the 19th of November by the Prime Minister or an Indian leader of eminence. The book will contain the biographies of the mothers of great and well known persons.

SEMINAR AT JWALAPUR & TRIP TO BADRI-KEDARNATH:

General : This double programme from 23rd September to 3rd October 1981 proved to be a very delightful gathering during which the participants lived like a single family. They lived together in harmony and cooperation with each other having an excellent expe-

rience of collective living. The best part of it was that all participants, by their goodwill and spirit of service, contributed to create an atmosphere which inspired each one of them to give a free and full expression to the innermost concepts and feelings which added a touch of delight to the whole programme.

The 15 participants met at the Jwalapur Yoga Mandir in the morning of 23rd September. These included Sri Sukhvira Arya, Ushaben Sud, Sri Natubhai Amin and Dr. Kamooben Patel who acted as hosts and were later assisted by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee and Sri G.N. Sadhu to help organizing the whole programme. Ushaben and Dr. Kamooben took charge of the kitchen and provided all requirements of tea, breakfast, lunch and dinner, exhibiting the spirit of service with a smile.

Badri-Kedarnath trip: The trip to Badrinath-Kedarnath commenced on the 24th September after lunch and the group returned to Jwalapur on 30th September noon. The whole trip was very well organized and the programme was smooth without any difficulty. The boarding and lodging during the whole trip was well looked after by N.S. Amin and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, assisted by Sri G.N. Sadhu and Amal Kumar Koley. All participants were extremely delighted by the heavenly beauty of the Himalayas with fascinating scenery of snowcapped mountains, flower valleys and innumerable streams of crystal clear water rushing to meet the main river. All this was in addition to the extraordinary experience of spiritual and religious nature which generally gives special peace and an awakening of consciousness to most people visiting the Himalayas.

Seminar at Jwalapur : As conveyed earlier, the Seminar was meant to be without a subject which indirectly meant that every form of positive expression was welcome at anytime which would give scope to any of the members to contribute without hesitation to the whole programme. The essence was the human touch attempting to spread sweetness and light. Some of the outstanding activities which took place included:

(a) Sightseeing around Hardwar, Rishikesh and Lakshmanzula which included the special experience of visit to Mansa-Devi by electric trolley which runs high up on cables between the peaks of the mountains.

(b) In the morning of 3rd October, in a gathering including invitees and World Union members from Jwalapur and Hardwar. Dr. Indra Sen graced the occasion by giving an inspiring friendly talk on the Isha Upanishad 'Shloka' meaning: "How shall he be deluded, whence shall he have sorrow who sees everywhere the oneness". He beautifully linked up the highest Divine aspect with day to day life, for making life interesting and meaningful in the light of the highest consciousness.

(c) In the evening of 3rd October, in a similar open gathering, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Smt. Damini Jariwala and Smt. Leela Ugrankar took lead in a number of lively discussions and also answered various questions.

(d) Smt. Lakshmi Ben Nagalingam, Amal Kumar Koley, Ushaben Sud and Smt. Damini Jariwala were instrumental in creating an inspiring sublime atmosphere by presenting various types of devotional songs supported by harmonium and cymbals.

Conclusion : The overall total cost was very reasonable. The participants were so much delighted and satisfied that everyone felt that such programme ought to be organised every year at different places. All organizers as well as participants deserve hearty congratulations. Special thanks were expressed to Dr. Indra Sen, Sukhvair Arya and Ushaben Sud who are in charge of the Jwalapur Yoga Mandir and who were most helpful in organizing the whole programme right from the beginning till the end.

Food for thought : This Seminar without a subject or any formal restriction and expectation can be a special inspiration to all members of World Union as well as the people of the world who wish to make the world a better place to live in. One's attention may be drawn to an open secret: that each and every person, family, co-worker, group and organization all over the world is in fact actually offered a golden opportunity to practice the art of living together as if participating in an eternal Seminar! One can start with one's own family, friends, office co-workers or co-workers in institutions as well as politics. This opportunity is open everyday at every moment without any extra expense. Of course quite a number of people are already awakened to this fact and applying it in daily life.

How about trying it out? A flight of delight-spreading sweetness and light in all walks of life !

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Calcutta : This Centre continued its programmes with children upto the age of 14, on the 3rd Saturdays for the months of May to September 1981 on 16-5-81, 20-6-81, 18-7-81, 15-8-81 and 19-9-81, which were conducted by reputed teachers like Smt. Ila Dutta, Smt. Chhaya Chatterji, Smt. Dhira Basu, and Shri Subhas Bhadra held at 26E Turf Road, Calcutta 700025.

The children were made to realise greatness of Tagore, the importance of our National Independence on the 15th August and its significance on our national life. They were given to understand the lives and teachings of our Great Men like Mahatma Gandhi, Netaji Subhas, Swami Vivekananda, Rishi Sri Aurobindo and their prescribed ways and guidelines for building up their individual character, disciplined life, development of the sense of international friendship, feelings of human brotherhood and acquisition of good qualities to become good citizens.

The individual children participants who impressed everybody on recitation, memory test, general knowledge and topic discussions on Science, Literature, Social and Humanitarian matters were: Masters Soumen Neogy, Debjit Datta, Atanu Datta, Ayan Nandi, Debasis Datta, Indrajit Datta, Debasis Nandy and Kumaries Kakuli and Runa Dutta and on Rabindra and devotional songs by Masters Indrajit Datta, Soumen Neogy and Kumari Rumpa Dey. The meditation for three minutes was also observed.

Bon-Hooghly: On 7.10.81 (Nabami Tithi) the members and devotees of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother assembled at the residence of Dr. B. Bhattacharya to observe the foundation day of Bon-Hooghly Centre. After five minutes group concentration Sri Kalidas Karmakar took the chair. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya was the Chief Guest.

Km. Juthika Ghosal read out a portion from the book of the Mother's conversation and Kumari Banasree Bhattacharya offered Rabindra Sangeet. She also recited the poem "Radha's Prayer" and "In peace and silence the eternal manifest". Sri P.P. Bhattacharya talked on meditation and relation between religion versus spiritualism.

On the eve of the occasion we distributed 200 books "Ideal Child" by The Mother, among the students of "Ashmininagar Deshapria Balika Vidyalaya" Dum Dum on 30-9-81. The meeting ended at 5:45 P.M. with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Chakradharpur: Sri Aurobindo's 109th birthday was celebrated in two days programme on 15th August and 16th August 1981 jointly with Sri Aurobindo Society members.

The programme for 15th August commenced in the morning at 6:00 A.M. with "Bande Mataram", Sangeet, The Mother's flag hoisting and march past by the children of Shishu Chakra. Thereafter, reading from the Mother's writings, devotional songs and collective meditation was held from 6:30 A.M. to 7:00 A.M. The morning programme ended with distribution of sweets to all present.

The evening programme commenced at 7:30 P.M. with the Mother's tape recorded voice. Sri Sudhansu Chakraborty read out the messages of Sri Aurobindo. The programme also included short life sketch of Sri Aurobindo by Sriman Subrata De Chaudhury and recitation by Sri P.C. Mandal. The main attraction of the programme was Giti Alekhya—"Tomai Pranam Kori" written by Sri Satadal in which Sri P. K. Das Gupta, P. Chakraborty, Miss Dalia Dey and young girls of Shishu Chakra participated.

On 16th August there was collective meditation, reading from various books and article on Sri Aurobindo's philosophy in which Sri K. B. Ghose expounded "the system of education in Sri Aurobindo's ideals".

The "World Union Day" and the Centre's foundation day was celebrated on 20th August 1981 at 7:30 P.M. with the Mother's music (tape-recorded). Sri Prasanta Chakraborty (Secretary) rendered an introductory speech about World Union Movement and its success so far. Then Sri Ramkrishna Poria read out from Sri Samar Basu's writings. Sri K. N. Pasad beautifully explained in Hindi quoting "shlocas" from the Veda, the concept of world unity from ancient ages. He also spoke about the necessity of the formation of World Government. Sri K. B. Ghose spoke about "World Union" an active service to humanity. Sri M. R. Chatterjee also emphasised the concept of the ideals of World Union. Sri Shashikarji read out his self composed poems on "world unity" and Sri S. K. Roy sang his self composed song on the ideals. The programme ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. B. B. De Chaudhury, Secretary, Sri Aurobindo Society.

In the middle of September 1981 Sri Mritunjoy Bhattacharjee, an Ashramite from Pondicherry, visited our Centre. He discussed the working of Shishu Chakra and other activities of our Centre in the light of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's ideals. The young members of both the Centres and Shishu Chakra were much enthused and glad to meet him.

Salt Lake (Calcutta): The third monthly meeting was held on 12-8-81 at the residence of Mr. R. N. Patra. (Judge, City Girl & Session Court) at AE 194, Salt Lake City. The leaflet containing 'The Mother's Message', 'March Towards Unity' and Rules and Regulations was read out and discussed. Sri Bidhan Kumar Chaki (a member of this Centre) who attended the celebration of World Union Day held on 23-8-81 at Uttarpara as a student, was requested to narrate his experience and also to read out his self-composed essay on the prescribed subject "Mission of India and how to Fulfil it" which he submitted on that occasion. This he did. All members were glad to know that the essay written by Sri Chaki was appreciated and that he won a prize for the same.

The Chairman Dr. R. K. De discussed the Constitution for the Federation of Earth with observation that the draft had very efficiently been drawn out covering all points that can lead all countries to the path of world unity and world peace although personally he felt that spiritual foundation, which distinguishes the World Union from all other organizations, had not been mentioned even in the introduction of the Constitution. This meeting was started with an opening song and it ended with a concluding song sung by the Chairman himself.

(2) The Fourth Monthly Meeting was held on 10-10-81 at the premises No. AE 438 Salt Lake City. Fifteen members including two invitees attended. The meeting was started with group meditation for ten minutes. Some extracts from the personal diary of the Chairman containing description of his travel to Pondicherry Ashram and Auroville was read out—which aroused much interest.

The invitation from West Bengal Regional Centre to attend the Fourth Zonal Seminar Seminar of this year to be held on 25th October 1981 was accepted.

New Alipur: On 3rd September the monthly meeting started with a devotional song by Mira Mukherjee. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed a few quotations from 'Savitri', 'Evening Talks', 'Conversations' as to how man has shut up the bliss within and looking for pleasure in the outside material world. The inward journey brings down the 'peace' first and next the serenity and equality or Samata. Then the higher power comes down along with knowledge to prepare the instrument. In this connection one must be vigilant to scrutinise one's motive in each action. A lively discussion followed after meditation, when a few new arrivals also took part. Sri I. B. Majumdar narrated his warm experiences with some sadhaks of Ramkrishna Mission. A few booklets on 'India', 'Ideals and Progress' were distributed free amongst the members. Sri S. K. Mukherjee read out a passage why divided India should be united again. This was supported by Sri A. K. Bhowmick on a higher dimension with reference from "the Ideal of Human Unity".

Mira Mukherjee has started free coaching of philosophy to some interested college students from this month.

World Union Building Fund:

Purchase of World Union Building:

For the information of the members and interested persons, we give below the detailed position showing the deficit in the Building Fund Account:

Actual total cost paid for the building purchased in September 1981 (including stamp duty etc.)	. . .	Rs. 2,54,412-00
Amount on hand in the Building Fund Account at the time of purchase	. . .	Rs. 2,13,585-00
DEFICIT	. . .	Rs. 40,827-00

Thus, contributions for the Building Fund are most welcome to cover the deficit (covered mostly by loans which have to be repaid) and expenses to cover adjustments in the building.

In addition, Rs. 18,620/- worth of stock of journal paper etc. had to be purchased for the next year. This adds to the present liability for which donations and contributions are all the more welcome.

A. B. Patel

General Secretary
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RESPONSIBILITY OF WORLD AND NATIONAL LEADERS

Present world institutions, including the United Nations and its Allied Agencies and non-governmental organisations working for the emergence of a workable world order, world government, world community, global civilization, International understanding and cooperation, prevention of arms race and war, disarmament, are not unfortunately adequate instruments to meet the challenges of world problems facing humanity in increased numbers and which are, without doubt, becoming more difficult of solutions. The world is passing through an unprecedented crisis and looks to be drifting towards a disaster.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Problems Facing World Community:

World conditions are obviously very different today from those of any former age. Modern transport and communications have made this world small and physically one. The outer life of man has changed immensely and there are indications that the changes will be more rapid and radical within the next two decades. Formerly it took several centuries for the population to double itself, but now it is likely to double in two or three decades. The industrial and agricultural production has increased manifold and is continuing to increase. Man landed on the moon, and is dreaming of space travel, building cities in space and the colonisation of other planets. There are great upheavals around the world for justice, fair-play and readjustments of human relations and for making all human beings free from discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, or otherwise and free from exploitation of the weaker sections of the population. The common man, as never before, is aspiring to participate in the processes, procedures and fruits of civilisation. The world has reached a stage when the actions of each nation, and to some degree of each individual, affect our collective destiny.

All these changes and developments have created many world problems, some of which can hardly be solved by a single nation, however affluent or powerful, and the need for cooperation and collaboration, instead of competition and confrontation has become imperative. To enumerate only a few of the many problems which the world faces:

there is a danger of a nuclear or biological and chemical warfare and consequent large scale destruction of life and crash of civilisation. Population is increasing at such terrific speed that the present rate of the economic growth is definitely insufficient to abolish poverty, hunger and diseases in the major part of the world. There is a serious danger of the pollution of land, air and water and the reckless use of the resources of the earth. There is an urgent need for law to regulate space exploration, particularly to prevent use of space for military purposes. It is also essential to use sea-beds for the common good of humanity, for which purpose the U. S. A. has to be persuaded to fall in line with the world public good and opinion. Steps must be taken to narrow down, as quickly as possible, the gap between the rich and the poor within nations and also the gap between the rich and poor nations. The dialogue between the developed and developing nations must continue to reach the goal of International Equitable Economic Order. It is essential to evolve reasonable international monetary system and a just and fair international system of trade for the benefit of all the peoples of the world. It is also essential that the thefts of articles of art are prevented and old cultural monuments are preserved. Hijacking and violence on national or international scale must be firmly dealt with and prevented. These and many other problems require proper international collaboration and cooperation and some form of world order or world union, preferably Democratic Federal World Government, so that effective action becomes possible for the solution of these difficult world problems.

With a variety of human activities we have writers, poets, philosophers, teachers, businessmen, industrialists, agriculturists, educationalists, social reformers, scientists, politicians, workers and many others. The level, the standard, the quality of human activities and their results and repercussions depend on the state of human consciousness, individual and collective, and the motives and attitudes with which these activities are carried on. If the level of all these activities has to rise higher, and motives and attitudes in the conduct of these activities have to be nobler, so that they would promote human welfare, education must play an important and prominent role in the reorientation of all these activities. Education must in the modern age endeavour to create world consciousness. The students must realise that the human race, as co-passengers, are travelling in space ship Planet Earth.

Present civilization and cultures harbour many imperfect and even damaging elements and activities. Broadly speaking, though all the human activities influence world evolutionary process, individual and collective, politics and economics dominate the world at present. Even science and technology are mostly used to serve political and economic aims, the two activities in which man's consciousness works mostly at a low level. Profit motive, competition, exploitation of others and exploitation even of Nature and earth's resources are dominant, and these in turn promote violence. These have to give place to the ideals of service, cooperation, goodwill and a sense of unity. In international affairs peaceful co-existence between nations and cooperation among all nations for the common good of humanity and for the solution of world problems have to replace conflict, combative spirit and desire for domination. But this is difficult of realisation unless some global machinery is created for the purpose, preferably Democratic Federal World Government.

It is no credit to the present national and international orders and systems that these have to be maintained by military, armaments, police, prisons, distortion of history, false

propaganda and above all often by suppression of human rights. This has to change and no real change is possible until the child is educated in these matters from very young age.

Happily there are many signs that man may be undertaking a systematic exploration of the vast and imperfectly known universe of his own being, which will be a step as epochal as his construction of the science of galaxies. There are indications that the potentialities of the individual human being are far greater in extent and diversity than we imagine ordinarily, indeed far greater than we currently believe when judging mankind.

The Time-Spirit demands that the human race should awaken to the mighty winds of change which are in the atmosphere and endeavour to recognise the forces which are shaping, however slowly, international understanding, the emergence of a world community, a global civilisation and a world order or world government for the progressive future of humanity. These are times when one has to face the future with complete freedom from old ideas, habits, traditions and conventions which limit our vision and which prevent us from abandoning prejudices based on race, religion, nationality, ideology or social status and from permitting us to treat everybody as a human being.

It is essential that our inner growth must now match our outer achievements and control our complex social, political and economic structures we have built. The leaders of the human race have to learn to take a world view of problems and to come out of their regional, national and parochial attitudes in order to solve national and world problems adequately. Otherwise the future generations will rightly blame them for their failure in meeting the challenges of a New World which is taking shape, inspite of limited visions of the leaders of national and world affairs.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bombay: Under the joint auspices of Khar, Bombay and Sion Centres of the World Union International as well as of Sri Aurobindo Peddar Road Centre, Bombay, a meeting was held on 24th October 1981 at Sangam, Peddar Road, Bombay to celebrate United Nations Day as well as the Foundation Day of the Peddar Road Centre (Sangam).

The meeting commenced with silent meditation for ten minutes. Sri N. S. Amin, Coordinator, referred to the vision of human unity of Sri Aurobindo as set out in his monumental book "The Ideal of Human Unity". Sri Amin affirmed faith in the inevitability in the evolution of nature of a World Union based on the fact of human unity realising the truth of the Spirit. He referred to the formation of the first World Council on 20th August 1964, when the Mother was elected as President of the Organisation. He also referred to the various activities of the Organisation and its affiliation and collaboration with the World Constitution and Parliament Association, USA. It was announced that the 7th Triennial International Conference of World Union will be held in Bombay in November 1982 and the main theme of the

so, whatever the sceptics may say, mankind was inevitably moving towards a complete and real human unity through spiritual oneness. If mankind were not to perish by its own folly, there was no other way. A higher type of human existence was the path, nature was preparing for him. Hence, inspite of the dangerous trends, the inevitability of an ultimate world union cannot be stated that the purpose of education was "To Be" and "To Become." He concluded his talk with a positive note and hope that growth of mankind from within will ultimately bind people together into Oneness and he suggested that children, teachers, parents and educators can accelerate the pace for this Oneness of mankind.

Second Session of the World Union Day celebration was held in the evening in the Meditation Hall of the Ashram. (Dr.) Shri Kirpa Naraian, former Health Secretary, Government of India was the Chief Guest and the main speaker. He spoke on the concept of World Union, unity and its need in the world today. He exhorted that either we progress towards a real human unity or we perish. He spoke at length on the path shown by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother in this direction and advised the youth in particular to follow the same. He told the audience that the concept of human unity might seem still utopian, but it had been part of our heritage as even the ancient mankind had conceived of one world and he drew our attention to "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" found in our scriptures. That concept gave us guidelines for life by following which, the ideal of human unity and brotherhood was actually brought into practice in those good old days. He concluded his talk by emphasising the need for dedicating ourselves to the greater need for human unity by cultivating the values of the spirit and subordinating them to the material values which divide man from man and takes him from spiritual path to material world.

October 3rd to 11th — Sri J.N. Puri, Secretary, World Union Delhi Centre and Dr. Helen K. Billings, world famous educationist, visited Pondicherry, Madras, Bangalore and Mysore and met number of persons belonging to World Union. At Pondicherry Dr. Billings celebrated her 80th birthday by observing silence, meditating in Sri Aurobindo's room. They visited Auroville and met many interesting persons there and shared the good work being done by many individuals with creative ideas in the fields of art, culture, education and ecology. At Bangalore Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana and his family called at Dr. Billings and briefly explained to her the work of World Union and the India Centre at Bangalore.

On the 17th and 18th October 1981 an Educational Workshop was organized at Delhi Public School, Mathura Road and the themes of the Conference were: (1) Are Schools Destroying Our Children? (2) Is Punishment Relevant to Education? and (3) Human Unity for World Peace. The Educational Workshop was a great success in the sense that it was largely attended by teachers, educators and educationists and housewives of Delhi. The distinguished speakers who addressed the participants were Dr. Helen K. Billings (who gave her key-note address); Dr. G.P.S. Waraich, Principal, DPS; Father T.V. Kunnunkal; Mrs. Savitri Nigam; Dr. R.K. Bhan; Dr. D.P. Pandey; Dr. (Mrs.) Sunita Dutt and Dr. K.K. Ghosh. Representatives from more than 20 schools participated in the Workshop and the Workshop got its international look because friends from overseas also participated. Notable among the participants from overseas countries were Dr. Leo Elison, Professor from Colgate University, USA; Mrs. Yoshiko Tomiyasu and Mrs. Modore Sihimra two Representatives from Interna-

tional Women's Education Association of Japan. The Workshop for two days was an interesting educative and informative programme where all the participants had a real exchange of ideas and shared their experience in their respective schools, fields and countries and appreciated the leading role played by Dr. Billings who made untiring efforts to listen to every one and share her long life experiences with all. Papers were contributed for this Workshop by Dr. Helen K. Billings, Dr. K. K. Ghosh, Sri A. B. Patel, Dr. G. P. S. Waraich and Mrs. Sunita Dutt.

Sri J.N. Puri represented World Union and attended two talks given at two different places by Prof. Adam Curle, Professor of Peace Studies, Bradford University. Prof. Adam Curle was also at Harvard University and was then running research programme in comparative study of education all over the world.

On 23rd October 1981 Prof. Adam Curle spoke at India International Centre and called for change in educational concept. He emphasised the need for change to promote Society's development as the world as a whole was changing at a greater speed. He said that education in the Latin sense of the term, meant "Lead out" and that aspect of the world should gain primacy, for a society could develop only if the people were encouraged to develop to their fullest. He pointed out that the notion that widespread education was necessary for development was based on the western model and was not suited to the development of the world. Often educational facilities at the university level were vastly expanded and stress was being laid on grooming specialists in science, technology and other fields. Grooming of specialists in one field or the other created difficulties for finding manpower for labour intensive jobs in the world. He cited the example of Europe and Germany where people from Turkey and Yugoslavia had to be imported for certain kind of jobs. He cited the case of many Asians being taken in the Western Asia now for labour intensive jobs.

On the 31st October Prof. Curle spoke under the aegis of Quaker International Affairs Programme in South Asia on "True Justice-Quaker Peace Makers and Peace Making". This subject was based on the Swarthmore Lecture 1981 delivered by Prof. Curle in England. In view of the importance of the subject there was lot of interest generated by the talk delivered by the speaker and it was later followed by questions and answers and even very important comments from members of the audience. Many research scholars and Professors were present at the discussion.

United Nations Day was celebrated jointly by World Union and Sri Aurobindo Ashram and Mother's International School Delhi on the morning of 25th October at the Meditation Hall of the Ashram. On this occasion Sri Samar Basu delivered a very interesting and educative talk on "What is Man and why is he so according to Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy?" In his long talk Sri Samar Basu profusely quoted from the various books written by Sri Aurobindo notable among them were Savitri, The Life Divine, The Ideal of Human Unity, The Human Cycle and The Hour of God. He dealt with the various philosophical comments on the various aspects of human existence and told the audience that according to Sri Aurobindo "Man is a transitional being; he is not final". He traced the historical development of man from the animal life to the modern life and suggested that the goal of man must be to lead a Divine Life so that the task assigned to man should be fulfilled sooner. Sri Samar Basu stated that man has travelled a long way from animal life, life of discontentment and dissatisfaction

and has now reached the stage of summit of great civilization based on science and technology—visiting moon and landing on other planets—and suggested that the time has been reached when his survival is at stake. He, in depth, explained the concepts of "involution" and "evolution" as expressed in the various writings of Sri Aurobindo in general but in "The Hour of God" in particular. The meeting was largely attended by Ashram community and members of the World Union and Shri Chhedi Lal presided over the same.

On 26th October 1981, Dr. Helen K. Billings returned from her trip to Kashmir and immediately on her arrival inaugurated "Esperanto Club" at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. It was attended by about 20 persons and all agreed on the need for promoting Esperanto as a Universal Language for global links and communications. Dr. Billings explained the great potentialities that the new language offers by way of numerous jobs for the unemployed. She advised the audience to take the challenge of this universal language as seriously as population and nuclear explosions, because the human unity and international brotherhood needs common language and link for communication.

November 7th 1981 Sri Puri attended the function organised by Tushita Mahayana Meditation Centre. It was a function of Dharma Celebration held at Hotel Uberoi with Shri Giani Zail Singh, Home Minister, as the Chief Guest and Lama Thubten Yeshe and Lama Thubten Lopa Rinpoche as the spiritual teachers on Tushita Mahayana Spiritual Teachings.

On 7th, 8th and 11th November 1981, Sri Puri attended the Asian Conference on *Religion and Peace* held at Vigyan Bhavan. The Conference was inaugurated in the main auditorium of the Vigyan Bhavan by Mother Teresa and Shri Giani Zail Singh. It was a very largely attended Conference with religious leaders and representatives from all the religions. It was an effort for the religions of the world to unite in action for Peace, Prosperity and Justice and the deliberations of the Conference lasted for several days in Planning Action Programme for the immediate achievements of the long cherished goals of humanity. At the concluding session the need for unity and universal consciousness were emphasised so that we can make contribution for better humanity with health, happiness and prosperity of all kinds all over the globe. It was emphasised that despite the various differences, in races, religions, countries and their cultures all the people all over the world are now sincerely struggling for human brotherhood. It is time that we take the time by the forelock and join hands for the human unity with proper dialogues of hearts. The need for action, sharing, cooperation, follow up and change in the people's attitudes was stressed. All those who had spent five days together felt they were parting from the family members.

Chandernagore: The Centre regularly held its monthly meetings on 19-7-81, 16-8-81, 13-9-81 and 18-10-81 respectively. The matters of discussion were "World Union Movement of Today and its Future", "Sri Aurobindo and our Duty", Human and Divine Love", celebration of Sri Aurobindo birthday in collaboration with Sri Aurobindo Culture Centre and Vijaya Sammilani—the Speakers on these occasions were Dr. B.N. Baral, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Prof. Santosh Kr. Bhattacharya

In his speech on "World Union Movement of Today and its Future" Dr. Baral emphasised on two aspects—first the threat of super-powers to the Third World for a global war makes them to come closer to reduce their own differences and, secondly the super-power

nations are forced to sit together to know each other for better technical and economical cooperations irrespective of ideological differences by the internal pressure coming from the people themselves. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, on 16th August, paid tribute to Sri Aurobindo saying that in this tension ridden world, Sri Aurobindo is the only sage who directs us to the paths of spiritual unity and peace. Prof. S K. Bhattacharya told on the last meeting of Vijaya Sammilani day the significance of Vijaya which is nothing but conquering all sorts of evil forces within us. Madhudaitya (demon) which is symbolised by Mahisasura was perished by Devi Durga who came out victorious and relieved her bhaktas from all evils.

In all these sections nice devotional songs were sung by Smt. M. Das Gupta, Km. Suparna Sarkar, Km. Swarupa Bannerjee and Sm. Shanti Bannerjee, the Principal, 'Swaralipi' Music College.

In the last monthly meeting of the Centre, the Secretary, Sri Baral proposed to start a project on Mentally Handicapped Children of age groups 11-16 years from December 1981. As such, a Committee of five has already been formed to execute that project with the following members: (1) Dr. S. P. Mukherjee, Senior Reader, Department of Statistics, Calcutta University-Director; (2) Dr. B. N. Bhor, Ex. C. M. O., Guest Keen & Williams-Chairman; (3) Dr. B. N. Baral-Member-Secretary; (4) Prof H. N. Bhattacharya-Treasurer and (5) Prof. B. Mandal-Member. The name of this unit is given as "Sri Aurobindo Child Guidance & Parent Counselling Centre". It will run under the affiliation of World Union Chandernagore Centre. Many doctors and experts gave active support to the scheme. The Centre approved the project unanimously and blessings and support is expected also from Sri A.B. Patel, General Secretary, World Union International.

Rishra: 30th September 1981—In the evening of Wednesday, prayers with group concentration and discussions were held at Luxmi Narayan Cotton Mills' Staff Club, Rishra (Hooghly). Sri D. N. Bhattacharjee, (Personnel Officer of L. N. C. Mills) was in the Chair. Sri B. Chakraborty (General Secretary) took lead in the discussions on various subjects, including: Virtue, Reality, Entity, Feeling, Realisation, Matter etc.

Sri D. K. Das discussed about the various ways and means for exposing the ideals of human unity amidst the general people and the ideals of World Union to bring home to each member their implications. At the end the Chairman, Sri D. N. Bhattacharjee expressed his opinions regarding the essentials for enlightenment of the ideals of World Union Movement -- "Unity, Oneness and Love" for mankind through such group concentration, study circle for self preparation and Seminars etc.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and the participants.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Sri Aurobindo's Action proposes to hold a Convention at Pondicherry on the 19th and 20th February 1982 on the subject: "INDIA TODAY AND TOMORROW".

The Convention will be open to the members of Sri Aurobindo's Action or of World Union. The participants in the Convention will enrol as delegates by the payment of a Delegate Fee of Rs. 10.00 per head. If anyone else wishes to participate he or she can become a member of Sri Aurobindo's Action or of World Union and pay the Delegate's Fee of Rs. 10.00.

The Delegate's Fee from all who wish to participate in the Convention should be sent to Sri Udar Pinto, Secretary, Sri Aurobindo's Action, Pondicherry 605002.

An application has been made to the Railway Ministry, New Delhi, for Rail Concession for the participants in the Convention who will be able to avail themselves of this concession when and if the same is received.

With regard to board and lodging of the participants, the Organizers of the Convention will do their best to arrange this for those who want it. They must indicate this very early and send advance payment for reservation stating for how many days they require this and in what range of cost. We will try to cover a wide range from low cost accommodation to high cost.

Please write with full details to Sri Udar Pinto, Secretary, Sri Aurobindo's Action or to Sri A.B. Patel, General Secretary, World Union, Pondicherry 605002.

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"We conclude then that in the conditions of the world at present, even taking into consideration its most disparaging features and dangerous possibilities, there is nothing that need alter the view we have taken of the necessity and inevitability of some kind of world-union; the drive of Nature and the compulsion of circumstances and the present and future need of mankind make it inevitable. The general conclusions we have arrived at will stand and the consideration of the modalities and possible forms or lines of alternative or successive development it may take. The ultimate result must be the formation of a World-State and the most desirable form of it would be a federation of free nationalities in which all subjection or forced inequality and subordination of one to another would have disappeared and, though some might preserve a greater natural influence, all would have an equal status."

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TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Provisional World Parliament:

Mr. John Dale of Washington D. C. has referred to the Campaign launched in North America on "Provisional World Parliament" as under:

Denver, Colorado, November 8, 1981. The Denver-based World Constitution and Parliament Association (WCPA) today launched its North American campaign as part of a global effort to convene a provisional World Parliament. The purpose of the Parliament, scheduled for September 4-17, 1982 in Brighton, England, will be to go beyond the upcoming United Nations Second Special Session on Disarmament by publicly outlawing the illegitimate authority of national governments to have or use nuclear weapons. Going beyond the concept of a nuclear weapons "freeze", the Parliament, according to WCPA Executive Director Philip Isely of Lakewood, Colorado, will also plan ways by which the world public with the co-operation of enlightened governments can begin to enforce this ban worldwide through means such as a Global Disarmament Agency.

According to Isely, "The Provisional World Parliament is being convened because humanity can no longer wait for national governments alone to create the tools to move *ahead* on nuclear disarmament and on other problems that threaten human survival."

According to Isely, the arms race already kills 20 to 30 million people per year in under-developed countries by diverting the resources needed to supply adequate food and clean water in these areas." In addition," Isely stated, "national politicians, through omission or commission, have led the world to a point where in less than 30 minutes they could push us all over the brink of nuclear suicide. Their legal and political ability to do these things must be explicitly eliminated."

Also present at the launching of the campaign, which took place in Dillon, Colo., was Helen Tucker, a "World Citizen" from Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. Tucker has already been elected as a delegate to the Provisional World Parliament from "Global Electoral District 1," consisting of 1 million regional voters in 6 "mundialized municipalities" in Southern Ontario. A mundialized municipality, Tucker explained, "is a community that through its own council has declared itself a 'world community' which recognizes that the loyalty of its citizens must extend past the national level to the human community as a whole and the biosphere that supports it."

The plan of the campaign is to raise funds, enlist working candidates for the parliament, and to invite the participation of national lawmakers and disarmament, environmental, economic, legal and other experts. At the same time, a concerted world campaign is being launched to gain the official support of national governments, a number of whom Isely stated are "hopeful" and may send delegates.

Another Colorado resident, Wilma Jean Lawry of Aurora, part Cherokee, announced her intentions at the meeting to run as a candidate for the Parliament as a representative of the Cherokee Nation. Lawry, a former nurse and an airplane pilot, stated that she wants the world to be safe for her tribe and her children. "Their futures — all our futures — are at stake. Either we outlaw the capacity of national governments to destroy our future, or they will, by accident or madness, lead us to a 'global Jonestown'."

John Dale, a student of international law at American University in Washington, D. C., also confirmed his candidacy at the meeting. Dale was elected to the publicity committee of the campaign. He stressed the "people power for peace" potential of the parliament. "This parliament wants to remove the legal immunity of national leaders to commit what are in effect global crimes. We want to minimise the overall burden of governments on people worldwide by bringing their leaders under generally accepted democratic world laws for disarmament. The United Nations can't do this for us. National superpower leaders won't do it for us. People around the world, with the aid of enlightened smaller governments and groups, must therefore do it themselves. If enough people join in, the major governments at some point will have to fall in line."

The World Constitution and Parliament Association, located at 1480 Hoyt Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, has been planning the Provisional World Parliament for over 10 years and is organizing it under an internationally drafted document called "A Constitution for the Federation of Earth." Executive Director Isely explained that the first Parliament in 1982 will be followed by others in 1983 and 1984, leading up to a World Constituent

Assembly in 1985 where hopefully at least 25 national governments will join in to consider and ratify amendments to the Constitution.

Dr. Lucille Green, retired Professor of philosophy from the San Francisco Bay area, reported at the meeting the support of the World Citizens Assembly and other world peace groups for the Parliament.

Professor John Phillips, Professor of philosophy and environmental studies at St. Cloud State University, Minnesota, chaired the meeting and stressed that the Parliament will also be taking up energy and environmental issues in 1982.

Among other participants at the campaign launching were Dr. Joan Gildemeister, a Professor of human development at Howard University; Carmel Kussman, a psychotherapist from New York City; former Harvard law Professor Joseph Spanier; Margaret Isely, President of the Rocky Mountain Nutritional Foods Association; Dr. (Mrs.) Prachoomsuk Achava-Amrung, President of the International Association of Educators for World Peace, who flew from Thailand for the meeting; Sister Mary Fleurette, a social justice and human rights activist from Kingston, Ontario; Vincent Okeke, a Nigerian student of International politics; and several other students, business people, and lawyers from around the U.S.

World Union National Centre-India:

The first meeting of the Executive Committee of World Union National Centre-India was held at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, Bangalore, on the 28th November 1981 at 10:00 A.M. when sixteen members and invitees were present and eight members and invitees had expressed their inability to attend. Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau, President, World Union National Centre-India presided and extended a cordial welcome to all the members and invitees present. The meeting commenced with a minute of silence and prayer.

Minutes of the first National Council held at Bangalore on the 9th June 1981 were read and recorded. Report of the National Convention held at Bangalore on the 7th, 8th and 9th June 1981, which had appeared in the World Union Focus, was taken as read and approved. Accounts of the National Centre, accounts of the National Convention held at Bangalore in June 1981 and the budget for 1981 and 1982, which had been circulated, were approved.

It was resolved to convey the gratitude of the Committee to Sri N.S. Rao, Vice-Chairman, and other donors who had donated handsome amounts to the Convention and to all those who helped in the conduct of the Convention.

Steps to implement the Youth Programme and subjects proposed by members were extensively discussed and the decisions to the following effect were taken: (1) Every World Union Centre was requested to send to the National Centre a copy of the report of its programme and work and the list of new members, while sending the same to the International Centre at Pondicherry. (ii) Applications for the recognition of a new centre should be forwarded both to the National Centre and International Centre. (iii) Coordinators should send a copy of their programme and report of work to the National Centre, while sending the same to the International Centre. (iv) It was decided to draw a regular three

years' programme of visits to World Union Centres in India by the Office-bearers of the National Centre and/or by appropriate representatives in order to maintain close contact between the National Centre and World Union Centres to stimulate an all round development of the Centres in India. (v) The meeting felt that Sri J. N Puri's proposal to establish a cadre of devoted workers and to train them for World Union work was a laudable proposal, but Sri Puri was requested to send a detailed proposal for consideration by the next meeting. (vi) It was decided that a person wanting to attend World Union Convention as a delegate ought to have enrolled himself as a member of World Union atleast six month prior to the Convention. Delegates may bring to the Convention their guests as visitors subject to payment of charges in that connection. (vii) The President was authorised to initiate the Youth programme taking into consideration various suggestions received from members and suggestions which will be made at the colloquium that evening. Report of implementation of these suggestions should be sent to the Focus for publication for the information of various World Union Centres. (viii) The office-bearers of the National Centre were authorised to select a seal for the National Centre. (ix) It was resolved to hold the next National Executive at Pondicherry at the time of the next Executive Committee meeting of World Union International. (x) It was resolved to hold the next National Council Meeting at Bombay at the time of the 7th Triennial World Union Conference to be held in Bombay.

Colloquium on World Union and Programme for the Country's Youth:

The colloquium was held at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, Bangalore, on the 28th November 1981 at 5:00 P. M. Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau was the moderator. Eighteen speakers, including eight youth, participated in the discussion. A comprehensive working Paper on the subject, prepared by Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana and Sri K. Narasimha Murthy, had been circulated which formed the basis of discussion. Sri K. Narasimha Murthy, IAS (Retd.) explained in detail the strategy to instil in the minds of the Youth of today to lay a firm and strong foundation for the edifice of global unity, so that the youth is inspired with a sense of purpose and direction and is assisted in finding for himself a sense of identity, a way out of intellectual cross-roads and way out of the spiritual dead-end where they get stuck. Sri Thandaveswara, Business Management expert, explained in detail the method to change the attitude of the youth and to harness their energy for building world unity. Sri Haneef Jawaid, Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row, Sri D. V. Subbarayan, Sri N. S. Amin and Sri G.N. Sadhu suggested a variety of programmes for youth. On behalf of youth, Kumari B. Padma, Kumari Ashni, Kumari Kalpana Srinagar, Kumari Sameena Habib, Sri D. Suresh, Sri M.G. Srinivas and Sri N.P. Kumar highlighted various factors which were influencing youth at home and colleges, which influences were not conducive to the welfare of the youth. Parents do not practice what they preach, educational system is defective, system of examination breeds corruption and malpractices, the quality of teachers is rather poor, the political atmosphere is foul and there is want of civic sense. Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana gave details of the youth project undertaken by World Union National-Centre and World Union Bangalore Centre and said that the success of this project will herald the beginning of a step forward in the implementation of World Union ideals. Sri A. B. Patel stressed the

need for the country's youth to train themselves so as to undertake the honour and privilege of achieving global unity and building a better world.

Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau in his concluding observations reviewed the various programmes undertaken, projects envisaged as part of youth programme by World Union and thanked Sri A. B. Patel and other participants in the colloquium by responding to their invitation. He drew attention to the significant feature of the participation by a number of representatives of youth.

Talk by A. B. Patel at the Indian Institute of World Culture:

Under the joint auspices of the Indian Institute of World Culture, World Union National Centre-India, World Union Bangalore Centre and Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs Sri A.B. Patel spoke on "Aspiration and Endeavour to Shape a Better World" at 10:30 A.M. on the 29th November 1981 at the premises of the Indian Institute of World Culture when Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau presided. Sri Kundaji, Secretary of the Indian Institute of World Culture, Bangalore, welcomed the Chairman, the Speaker and members of the audience. Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau introduced the Speaker at some length and described him as a man of action of undoubted abilities and as a person who is the soul of the World Union Movement. Sri A.B. Patel spoke at some length on the subject. At the outset he craved indulgence of the meeting to say that he was a World Citizen, a Planetary Citizen, interested in the welfare of Planet Earth and not any of its fraction. He also stated that he was the first signatory to the "Constitution for the Federation of Earth" adopted at Innsbruck, Austria in June 1977 and is highly interested in raising the whole earth life to a higher level.

He laid emphasis that to shape a better world we must strive for world consciousness, world loyalty, world social and political order with democratic values accepting human rights and abolition of all weaknesses inherited in our present civilization. He stated that we have inherited in our present civilization racial discrimination, religious intolerance, social inequality, ideological conflicts, institution of war etc. and to all these we have added a great deal of violence, terrorism, hijacking of planes and theft of articles of art, etc.

He emphasised that for shaping a better world, positive thinking was greatly essential with courage to face challenges of difficulties and weaknesses. He referred to a bitter struggle between the Old Established World Order and the New World Order taking shape. Unfortunately majority of the people of the world support the elements of Old World Order, while only a small minority supports forces and factors of the New World Order. He was glad however to refer to happy signs: (i) Common man wants to participate in the process, procedure and fruits of civilization. (ii) Man has turned towards yoga and meditation and has commenced exploration of his inner universe which may, in due course, become more important than discovery of galaxies. (iii) Many non-governmental organizations around the world have commenced working for world unity, world community, global civilization, synthesis of cultures, world government etc.

He believed in the destiny of India to play an important role in shaping a new world, for which her soul must get an opportunity to manifest and express itself. He stated that

the New Age has already commenced, as according to the Mother of Sri Aurobindo Ashram Supramental Consciousness entered the earth atmosphere on the 29th February 1956 and the shaping of a new world has begun inspite of variety of hostile forces trying to prevent it.

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ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Mysore: The monthly meeting was held on 30.11.81 with Sri B.V. Balasubrahmanyam in the chair. The group discussion was moderated by Sri S. K. Lakshminarayana, Member. The discussion was based on the article "Call for Forums of Service by M.P. Pandit" published in the June 1981 issue of the journal. The Moderator elaborated the article so well that all the members who listened experienced as if an impressive indoctrination class was attended by them. The selection of the topic was indeed very appropriate and highly purpose oriented. As a result of the animated discussion it emerged that efforts in the direction of catching them young and spreading the message of world unity and oneness of mankind be

started by organising talks at the Secondary Schools in Mysore City. Mahajana's High School in the city was selected to make a beginning.

The Chairman informed the meeting that emphasis was laid on the involvement of youth and their proper orientation in the World Union Movement, at the second meeting of the Executive Committee of National Centre held at Bangalore on 28.11.81, and he was glad that the discussion was wholly in consonance with the same theme.

It was unanimously decided at the meeting to request Dr. T. Prasannasimha Rao, Member, Executive Committee, National Centre, Bangalore to deliver a 'Talk' at the next (fifteenth) meeting of Mysore Centre.

New Alipur: The monthly meeting on 3rd December commenced with a devotional song by Manjusri. Dr. Jagadish Ch. Das spoke on 'Savitri' in general in his own lucid style in a packed house with many new faces. He touched on the literary aspect of Sri Aurobindo's writing e.g. oxymoron style, various adjectives etc. and compared with that of Shakespeare. He particularly drew attention to the fact that in "The Life Divine" the prosaic form of Savitri, Sri Aurobindo used 'We' the superlative term, whereas in 'Savitri', it is 'I' that predominates. He elaborated it with suitable quotations. He also emphasised how Sri Aurobindo used the ordinary common terms e.g. uneven pavements, doctors, engineers, artists, mathematics and many others as Divine forms and symbols. The relevance of ascent and descent in Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana with reference to Aswapathy and Savitri was illustrated from different books and cantos. Dr. Das concluded with a remark that 'Savitri' is a compact volume, which includes all other writings of Sri Aurobindo like—Synthesis of Yoga, 'deal of Human Unity, Human Cycle—with Future Society, Future poetry, etc. So, to read "Savitri" is to read Sri Aurobindo in totality is not an exaggeration. Prasad was distributed by Maya Mukherjee at the end.

Salt Lake: The fifth monthly meeting of this Centre was held on 14.11.81 at the residence of the Chairman of the Centre at AE 581, Salt Lake City, Calcutta 700064.

Eleven members including a few invitees attended. The meeting commenced with group meditation for fifteen minutes followed by a song. A short discussion about effect of meditation took place. The purpose of this World Union Centre was discussed briefly and organizational possibility and scope was also considered. The meeting ended with a concluding song by the Chairman.

Sultanpur: The highlight of the 14th meeting of this Centre held at the residence of Sri Satish Kumar Srivastava, Advocate on 28.10.81 was the participation of Dr. S. Prasad, Director, Kamla Nehru Institute of Education & Technology, Sultanpur and Dr. B.B. Lal Pandey, Head of the Civil Engineering Department of the above Institute at the request of Dr. D.C. Banik, President of the Centre. The guests were so much impressed by the aims and objectives of the World Union Movement and its organizational activities, enunciated by Sri Prabhakar, Secretary of the Centre, that they not only offered to enrol themselves as members of World Union, but readily agreed to set up a 'Forum of Human Unity' in the above Institute through organization, first, of a Seminar-cum-debate in the second week

of December 1981 for the students and teachers of the Institute on "Impending World War Conflagration: Human Welfare & World Peace" which may attract the educators and the educands towards the utter necessity of forming human unity 'Forums' to forge ahead global unity on the eternal spiritual foundations of 'Truth, Love and Non-Violence' in thoughts and deeds—the common attributes in the soul of man.

Concomitant with the lessening of distance factor on this earth, owing to strides in science and technology man has made of late, the distance between man and man, as far as his thoughts and feelings for co-existence are concerned, have registered an agonizing increase, so far so that practically every nation is arming itself to its teeth with missiles and latest scientific weapons, heralding doom for the mankind—said Dr. S. Prasad in support of forming human unity forums in every country. Dr. B.B. Lal Pandey, in further elucidation of founding World Peace on spiritual foundations, significantly affirmed, "Spirit and Matter are the two bases of all life on this planet and it is through the introduction of a third base—religions, castes, creeds, groups with widely divergent socio-political ideologies—on one's ego or self in between the two above bases, that life of mankind stands so much polluted and is following a ruinous course towards self-destruction or even extinction in the modern scientific age. To obliterate any chance of total annihilation, man has no other go but to go back to the spirit base for dawn of mutual cordial relations ending in World Peace—the desideration of all mankind."

The meeting ended at 19:00 hours with light refreshments and tea with a vote of thanks to the two participating guests for their illuminating talk and to the host for providing pleasant refreshments.

Uttarpara: The 98th monthly meeting of this Centre was held on the 14th November 1981 at the residence of Sri Samar Basu at 5:30 P.M. under the Chairmanship of Sri N. B. Nandi.

The meeting commenced after devotional song and observance of silence before The Mother's and Sri Aurobindo's picture. Sri Samar Basu, the sole speaker on the occasion gave a very interesting and illuminating discourse on the subject "Man Why? And, what is Man's Mission on Earth?" The whole subject was dealt by him very ably in the light of Sri Aurobindo's philosophy and elaborate discussion.

New Centres:

Dharwar: This Centre was opened under inspiration and guidance of Sri B. Krishnaswamy, Coordinator, Southern Region. The Secretary is Sri M. V. Parthasarathy B.E. (Civil) and the address of the Centre is that of the Secretary, being: World Union Dharwar Centre, 'Sri Lakshmi', Narayanapura, P. O. DHARWAR 580008 (Karnataka State).

Chittoor: This New Centre was opened under inspiration and guidance of Sri B. Krishnaswamy, Coordinator, Southern Region. The Chairman is Sri D. Srinivasa Iyengar B. A., B. L., and the Secretary is Sri D. S. Sundara Raman. The address of the Centre is that of the Secretary being: World Union Chittoor Centre, 3-2-42 Janda Street, CHITTOOR 517001 (A. P.)

Delhi: Sri J. N. Puri Hon. Secretary of World Union Delhi Centre reports:

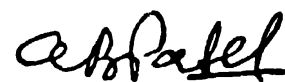
(i) On 17-12-81 a Seminar was organised at the National Council of Applied Economic Research, Inderprastha Estate on "Need for Harmonious Inter-Actions between Knowledge Values and Behaviour in Socio-Economic Development of Society". The Speaker was Prof. Dr. Leo M. Elison of the Department of Economics and System-Science, Colgate University, U. S. A. Dr. Prem Vashishta, Senior and learned Economist presided over the function. Dr. Leo Elison spoke for two hours and many questions were asked and answered. He emphasised the need for developing integrated approach to every aspect of life and advised that there is need for reviving values of life which are left out from the highly developed Societies of the West—the two blocks led by USA and Soviet Russia. He emphasised the need for development of a new model of education, socio-economic behaviour and education more close to the participatory democracy. (ii) Tushita Mahayana Meditation Centre for Buddhist Studies and World Union Delhi Centre organized a joint function to listen to a talk by Swamy Yuktananda of Vivekananda Nidhi, Calcutta, on dynamics of life (Satyam, Shivam and Sundaram) at 5/5 Shanti Niketan, New Delhi. (iii) World Union members of Delhi Centre were invited to attend three discourses given by Swamy Yuktananda at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra on "Individual, Society and Spiritualism." The talks were mostly attended by young men. During the three talks Swamiji gave a deep peep into the past, present and future and exhorted the young men to analyse the life and become more creative so that the society at large is saved from increasing degeneration. An article on the subject is proposed to be sent to the World Union Journal. Swamiji has recently returned from his whirlwind tour of North America and Europe and runs an Institute which is devoted to solving of problem and for improving the quality of life of all human beings.

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HUMANITY'S INTERESTS MUST BE PARAMOUNT

The vision of the national leaders in the world is limited by national boundaries and is unable to see that the present world conditions and circumstances demand an understanding, based on common sense, that the interests of Planet Earth are greater than those of any nation, a part of this Planet. The thinking of national leaders is parochial and narrow and is limited by a wrong attitude of "my nation right or wrong". In its evolutionary march humanity was helped by the principles of nationalism, national sovereignty and "my nation right or wrong" but now these are an obstruction to the further evolutionary progress of humanity. What is now necessary is to build a World Community. Family man, city man, caste man, tribal man, clan man, regional man, evolved into a national man in the process of evolution. Man must now take his next evolutionary step by becoming a universal man, planetary man. All obstructions to that process must be brushed aside.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Principle of Service to be adopted by Nations:

For thousands of years the principle of service to others is accepted. Philanthropy and principle of service by a strong or rich man to his poor or weak fellow human being are the result of the principle of service. Though this principle is in existence for thousand of years, it is not yet, generally speaking, pure and unselfish service rendered to others. Lust for fame and name and often pride and vanity play an important role in rendering service to others.

In recent times many organizations, governmental and non-governmental, have come into existence to render service according to their ideals and objects but these organizations also are hardly free from the human weakness of propaganda and publicity.

Time has come when nations must accept the principle of service to other nations. Happily, there is already a beginning in this direction. Nations are today making voluntary contributions for the maintenance of refugees around the world, preservation of articles of art and great monuments around the world, for rendering assistance to territories affected by natural disasters or famine and in such cases either cash contribution is made or food is

rushed to the places. Each nation has, in recent decades, accepted the principle of making contributions for the general welfare, a small percentage of the national income of rich nations is made available for the good of undeveloped nations. There is a dialogue going on between rich and undeveloped countries for creation of an international just economic order. All these are desirable steps towards international understanding, but time has come when principle of service by nations to other nations, particularly by rich and strong nations to poor and weak nations must be accepted. As weaknesses of lust for fame, name, pride and vanity continue in the service rendered by individuals and publicity in the service rendered by organizations, similarly in the early stage a service by a nation to other nations will not be pure and unselfish and is likely to be for domination on other nations or using them as satellites. But the beginning of service by nations to other nations must be made, however imperfect in the early stage and perhaps for a long time.

Call to a Democratic World Government:

More than 152 Nation States exist on Earth, all proclaiming National Sovereignty—Non Intervention — and Autonomous Rights (to do as they please). The world, therefore, is in total anarchy. The most devastating war materials are ready to wipe the human race off the face of the Earth as a madman pushes the button or an accident occurs in the War Machine.

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A Democratic Federal World Government is needed urgently to legislate and execute World Law under the guidance of the World Constitution. The first Provisional World Parliament . . . The Parliament of Man — will meet in Brighton, England, in 1982 September 4th to 17th to do what the United Nations failed to do for thirty-five years.

**CREATE PERMANENT WORLD PEACE THROUGH
WORLD LAW
JOIN NOW**

The above has been issued by the Steering Committee of the World Constitution and Parliament Association for Provisional World Parliament, meeting at Brighton, England, Grand Hotel, September 1981.

Seventh Triennial World Union World Conference:

World Union Centres in Bombay have arranged to hold the above Conference at the Raja Shivaji High School (formerly known as King George High School) Khareghat Road, Hindu Colony, Dadar, Bombay 400014 and the Conference meetings will be held in P. B. N. Vaidya Hall of that School. It has been arranged with the authority of the said High School to reserve accommodation for the participants in the Conference from the 3rd to the 8th November 1982 and to have the said Hall from the 4th to the 7th November for Conference meetings. The theme of the Conference will be published in the March 1982 Focus.

Anybody wanting further information about the Conference should communicate with Sri N. S. Amin, 6 Rajmayur, 19th Road, Khar, Bombay 400052, who is the Hon. Secretary of World Union Khar Centre and has undertaken the duties and responsibilities of acting as the Secretary of the Committee working for the holding of the Conference. Sri N. S. Rao of Pest Control (India) Private Limited, Bombay, Vice-Chairman of World Union, is actively assisting in this connection. There are many World Union members in Bombay who are taking keen interest in the holding of the Conference and for making it a success.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sri Aurobindo's Action, Pondicherry, has asked the World Union journal to announce that the Convention proposed to be held at Pondicherry on the 19th and 20th February 1982 on the subject "India Today and Tomorrow" has been called off.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Delhi: Traditional gaiety and devotion marked the celebration of X-Mas. Some of the members of World Union had been invited by various groups to join the celebration. As it was difficult to attend all the more than half a dozen function, J.N.Puri attended two functions, one organised by the group known as "Better World" and the other by Tushita Mahayana Meditation Centre.

The Better World organised a Better World Picnic in the Lodi Gardens providing open air fun with food, tea, drama and music by small children who were specially prepared for this purpose. The children from different countries were specially prepared by a few women to prepare the Christmas Drama and Music. People thronged in large numbers and it was an enjoyable spirit of celebrations shared by persons from various parts of the world as special invitees who had come to attend the function hailed from Iraq, Lebanon, Australia, USA, Canada, African countries and from Middle East too.

In the evening Christmas celebrations were organised by Tushita Mahayana Meditation Centre where his Holiness Lama Song Rinpoche who had just returned from his global tour of Buddhist Teachings, was the Chief Guest of honour. It was a largely attended function and many of our World Union members were there. The chief guest spoke that the real spirit of Christmas was the spirit of love, compassion, fellow-feeling and holy communion with all. The talk was followed by a sumptuous feast of Indian sweets and traditional cake and other items. The function was well organised and there were representatives from more than 15 countries though men and women from Indian community thronged in largest number.

The above two functions spoke volumes of the need for promotion of the spirit of love, compassion, fellow-feelings, brotherhood and holy communion of all as the manifestation

of human unity. Let us hope that the year 1982 will have many more of such joint functions between World Union and other groups in the city of Delhi.

Sri J. N. Puri, the Secretary of world Union Delhi Centre reports that on the 7th January 1982 at Max Muller Bhavan, New Delhi, a talk was delivered by Prof. Dr. Agehananda Bharati, Prof. of Anthropology in Syracuse University, USA and the first European to be ordained in the Dasanmi Order of Sanyasi Monk. It was part of the special programmes organised at Max Muller Bhavan on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. The topic of discussion on 7th January 1982 was very fascinating and Dr. Agehananda Bharati kept the audience spell bound by presenting the principles of Hindu and Buddhist religions and the need for making them better understandable by others. He touched upon the way in which some of the Indian spiritual Movements get westernised and thus lose their own traditional outlook. The discussion became very purposeful because a number of inquisitive minds raised many questions and there were more purposeful interactions, as the comments offered by the audience were equally relevant to the topic of discussion. Dr. Bharati has written many books and has contributed many articles in his own professional journals.

Baranagore: In the monthly meeting on December 20, 1981 in its office at 28/1 Manna Para Road, Calcutta 700090, the office-bearers were elected for the next three years as follows: Presidium: Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Mrs. Juiphul Roy and Sri Parimal Chakraborty; Secretariat: Sri Ranjan Mitra, Miss Sima Mitra, Sri Mantra Bhattacharya; Librarian: Sri Sankha Bhattacharya. The time of monthly meeting was agreed to be the third Sunday 4:00 P.M. of each English calendar month.

The meeting was opened with Vedic song by Mrs. Bhumika Goswami. After three minutes meditation Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya read the first two suktas of Rik Veda and explained them in Bengali. He commented that vedas being the first spiritual discovery of the mankind these are the common property of the humanity in general; and all the religions of the world inherited the truth equally from this common source and equally suffered the conditioning of the national boundary and the historical period.

Sri Bhattacharya informed the house about the proposed day-long Convention at Rishra on 10 January 1982 by the West Bengal Regional Centre with pre-lunch Seminar on 'The Role of Regional Centre and Local Centres' and post lunch Seminar on 'Sri Aurobindo on Social Problems and their Solutions' with the participation fee of Rs. 2.00 only.

Proposed Seminar on "India Today and Tomorrow" at Pondicherry on 19-20 February 1982 jointly by World Union and Sri Aurobindo's Action and the proposed Seventh World Union International Conference at Bombay in November 1982 with the theme of 'Earth is One' were also discussed in the meeting. (The February 1982 Seminar at Pondicherry was later cancelled).

Calcutta North Suburban: The second fortnightly meeting of November 1981 was held at the Centre's prayer hall on 29-11-81. The post-meditation speaker was Dr. Arun Sil, Chairman, West Bengal Regional Centre who dwelt on the theme of "Sri Aurobindo and the Vedas". He took to presenting Sri Aurobindo's colossal work, the simile of a pyramid of six facets, each of which represents a Magnum Opus of Sri Aurobindo viz: The Life

Divine, Essays on the Gita, The Synthesis of Yoga, The Foundations of Indian Culture, The Ideal of Human Unity and the last but not the least The Secret of the Vedas. Dr. Sil said that The Secret of the Veda though least discussed, contains outstanding observations as good as discoveries. It is this work that has unsealed the hidden treasure of the Vedas. He brought out facts to show how decisive these discoveries are in the formulation of our thoughts on the Vedas on a concrete foundation. How effectively Sri Aurobindo has established the fact that every word in the Rik is as it were a thick shell pregnant with riches of profoundest ideas and that while the outer surface of the shell offers a meaning of physical appearance, the interior is sparkling with wonderful psychological treasure. It is no wonder that to the physical mind the Vedas are a collection of rituals and sacrifices of primitive people and that to the initiate a wonder land of psychological content yet unreached and also surpassed by modern knowledge. Raja Ram Mohan Roy, it is said, urged Mr. Rosen to take refuge into the Upanishads, but Sri Aurobindo has shown by his interpretation of the Vedas as has been revealed to him that the Veda is the Supreme Original knowledge and the Upanishads and other branches of knowledge are but its off-shoots and partial expressions.

Chakradharpur : The auspicious "Siddhi Divas" of Sri Aurobindo was celebrated on 24th November 1981 jointly with the members of Sri Aurobindo Society Centre.

The programme started at 6:30 P.M. in the Society Centre with the Mother's tape-recorded music and meditation. The Chief Guest Dr. D.K. Das, Divisional Medical Officer, S.E. Rly. Hospital, Chakradharpur, offered flowers to the portraits of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo and delivered a short speech about Sri Aurobindo and his philosophy. Sri K.C. Meshram, Asst. Operating Superintendent, S.E. Railway, Chakradharpur, a devotee of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo, was one of the Speakers of the day. He explained in Hindi the possibilities of man to reach his highest goal of supramental consciousness in the light of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's Sadhana.

The main Speaker of the day was Sri Subodh Ranjan Moitra, Ex. Prof Presidency College, Calcutta, who beautifully and elaborately explained the necessity of spiritual development to meet the challenges of present world crisis. He also said how Sri Aurobindo and the Mother worked and guided us in the spiritual field to prepare ourselves to win over the challenges. He concluded his speech emphasising the significance of the "Siddhi Divas". Another attraction of the programme was "Songs on Sri Krishna Consciousness" sung by Sri Sunil Kumar Roy, Smt. Das, Smt. Banerjee and Sri M.G. Chakraborty. The whole function created a pure spiritual atmosphere which was highly appreciated by all present. The programme ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. B.B. De Chowdhury, Secretary, Sri Aurobindo Society, Chakradharpur.

Mysore : The monthly meeting on 26.12.81 was started with one minute silent prayer for world peace. The Chairman Sri B.V. Balasubrahmanyam welcomed the gathering and introduced the Guest Speaker, Dr. Jawaharlal Handoo, Folklore Specialist and Associate Professor of Folklore at the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore. Dr. Handoo spoke on "Indian Value System" and said... Molecules of thought get together and become images, pictures and world wave. Concept of God is different among different people. World

views make way for value system. It is unfortunate that we have drifted much, and still drifting from the original paths of our ancient value system.

What is our national world view, is the next question. India has never been a war-monger. One of the important values in our country is peace. Queen Victoria did not teach us peace-nor Russia nor any great political power. We should not go into nuclear arms. Already Russia and America have piled up nuclear bombs enough to destroy not only this world but many worlds. If the Third World War breaks out all the nations will perish, including the innocent mankind. So the need for spreading the message of peace is all the more important, India has a healthy value system. It does not say produce nuclear bombs, trucks or tractors. Instead, spread and practice messages of peace and universal brotherhood . . .

Sri S.R. Subbarao, Vice-Chairman of the Centre proposed a vote of thanks.

New Alipur: On the 7th January 1982 the monthly meeting started with a discussion on the relation of marriage and spirituality. It was observed that most of the spiritual leaders and Avatars were married. Sri Aurobindo even selected his own bride. In this connection Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee mentioned how Sri Aurobindo synthesised human love and Divine love in "Savitri". Human love starts with self-interest when taking is more than giving and is based on ego. Then it moves to emotional love, where self-interest still persists, though in lesser degree. Then comes psychic love, which is unselfish, and finally it transforms into Divine Love, which is selfless, where 'All giving' is the rule.

Mira Mukherjee explained the significance of 'Nivrit Mantra' from 'Vedavichar' published by Sri Biswadev Bhattacharya, a member of the Centre. The Mantra is used before starting the Vedic Yagna to invite the gods. She read out the Mantra and explained it. In this connection Dr. Mukherjee mentioned how different vedic gods worked at different stages of evolution e.g. 'Agni' in matter, 'Varuna' (god of water) in life, 'Indra' in man and the next step is for 'Mitra' to establish Universal Brotherhood.

Sri Rajen Ganguly of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, explained how we are all one in The Mother's Love and the world is already united in that consciousness. The Mahasaraswati aspect of the Mother is closest to us, who tolerates all our stupidity and ignorance with her all embracing love and gradually builds all the bits of our beings towards integral perfection. The meeting ended with devotional music by Ashima De.

West Bengal Regional Centre: The 5th Zonal Seminar, convened by Sri T.K. Sinha General Secretary and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Vice-Chairman was held on 20th December 1981 at Haldia in collaboration with Sri Aurobindo Society, Haldia Branch, Midnapur. The subject discussed was "Human Unity and Role of Individual" and it was presided by Father S. J. Gales, a teacher from Luxemburg. Sri B. K. Biswas, the Secretary of the host Centre, inaugurated by saying that Human Unity is the cry of the whole world, specially in the present situation. He pointed out how huge amount of money is being spent for the destruction of the human race. Sri L. N. Dutta from Calcutta stressed on human unity for our overall progress. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, the Chief Speaker, traced the history of human unity from family, tribes, clan upto nation. Two factors are working simultaneously, one for the economic, social and political security, the other is psychological—the pressure of the nature from

within. Ego is the bar both at individual and collective level. As Mother said "If you want union in the world, first unify the different parts of your own being." Society is only fulfilled with the fulfilment of individual. Hence the role of individual is to realise the basic truth of Oneness-the God, within and outside and these liberated individuals will be the pioneers to establish the spiritualised society, where human unity is a natural outcome. Father Gales concluded by saying that love and fellow feeling should be the real binding agent. Devotional songs were presented by Smt. Anita Chatterjee and others of the host Centre.

Salt Lake: The Sixth monthly meeting was held on 12-12-81 at AE 438 Salt Lake City, Calcutta-64. Sixteen members attended. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya attended as a special invitee. A question was raised whether young members would like to have meditation. It was pointed out that they would prefer practical work to meditation. Sri P. P. Bhattacharya explained that a man begins with self and suffers from multi-personality. Integration of self can be achieved through meditation. Practical work can go side by side with meditation.

The possibility of taking up the job of doing welfare to the handicapped people of the locality and also that of opening a Physical Education Centre was discussed.

The 7th monthly meeting was held on 9.1.81 at the residence of Sri A.L. Mukherjee AE 228 Salt Lake City, Calcutta 700064. Eighteen members with a few invitees were present. The meeting commenced with group meditation for 15 minutes. On the point of utility of regular meditation, the Chairman held a short discussion stating his experience that regular meditation might result even in performance of practical duties/work with greater ability.

A brief discussion was made on the practical side of the World Union. Some portions of Chapter I of Sri Aurobindo's *The Ideal of Human Unity* were read out. As some members felt the necessity of Bengali translation from the 'Mother's Message' including 'March Towards Unity' 'Significant' 'Recent Events' etc. Sri P.P. Bhattacharya, International Committee member, was kind enough to render the same, cyclostyled in 100 copies which was appreciated by all.

Sultanpur: Sri S. Prasad, Director, Kamala Nehru Institute, fulfilled his promise of convening a debate in the Institute on the present-day pressing problem of developing human Unity on human values in the strife-torn world of today. The debate was organised under the Civil Engineering Forum on December 4, 1981. All the educators and educands of other technological Forums, too, and even some of the K.N.I. Educational Section attended the debate. Dr. D.C. Banik, Sri G.P. Pandey and Sri Prabhakar respectively President, Vice-President and Secretary of the local World Union Centre acted as Judges in the competition and selected prize-winners to be awarded prizes by the Forum and merit Certificates by the World Union Centre. At the end of the debate, the Secretary addressed the august assemblage on the imperative need of bringing about a social cohesion on the basis of ethical and spiritual values to ward off the menace of a nuclear war, threatening the very existence of humanity. As a step towards the growth of the Movement, he also requested the Director to form a "Forum for Human Unity" from amongst the three technological forums he has formed in the institute.

Besides, a very useful 'Group Discussion' on the chances of modern deep rooted 'Bhautik Vad' changing into 'Manav-Vad' took place on 9th December 1981 in the 17th meeting of the local World Union Centre at the residence of Sri Pulok Chatterjee, District Magistrate, Sultanpur and a member of World Union. Dr. S Prasad initiated the talk, in which, besides the host, Dr. D.C. Banik, Sri R.B. Singh, Dr. H.D. Shukla and Sri R.K. Jaiswal prominently took part. Unanimity of views emerged on the subject.

Dr. D.C. Banik laid emphasis on Sri Aurobindo's 'Integral Yoga' a synthesis of Gyan, Karma and Bhakti Yogas and aspiring for the collective salvation of humanity—as the only yoga which can establish World Peace and happiness and bring in besides Supramental Consciousness (Atimansik Chetna) over our earth-life in its spiritual ascent towards the Absolute Divinity.

The Secretary of the Local World Union Centre concluding the discussion pointed out that, according to Sri Aurobindo the whole creation rests on double movement of 'Involution' and 'Evolution'. At present we are involved in the second movement and in our spiritual development have reached the Third Stage of 'Manas Chetna' wherein we have created the present 'Bhantik-Vad'. We have now to ascend to the fourth stage of 'Atimansik Chetna'.

Uttarpara: The 99th monthly meeting was held on Saturday, the 12th December 1981 at the residence of Sri Samar Basu at 5:30 P.M. under the Chairmanship of Sri N.B. Nandi. After the observance of silence before the picture of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo, the meeting started. The subject of discussion was "Sri Aurobindo's Siddhi Dibas and its Relevance to the World". Sri Samar Basu spoke at length about the Siddhi of Sri Aurobindo and the very special significance of the 24th November to the members and guests in detail. He explained how the Yoga of Sri Aurobindo helped the mankind and the world in effecting the descent of supramental consciousness on Earth.

Sri S.K. Gupta spoke briefly about the necessity of adopting Sri Aurobindo's Yoga as the only way out of present impasse through which the world is passing. He emphasised the need for individual psychic development as the preliminary condition for achieving a spiritualised society and realisation of Divine Life on Earth.

New Centres:

Serampore: This Centre was opened on 20.12.81 under inspiration and guidance of Sri Samar Basu, Coordinator of World Union in the Eastern Region. The Secretary is Sri Madan Mohan Bhattacharjee and the Chairman is Sri Nripati Pal. The address of the Centre is that of the Secretary being: World Union Serampore Centre, 13 Thakurdas Babu Lane, P.O. SERAMPORE 712201, Dt: Hooghly, West Bengal.

Bally: This Centre was opened on 22.11.81 under inspiration and guidance of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Secretary, World Union New Alipur Centre. The Chairman is Sri Bhutnath Mukherjee. The Secretary is Sri Karunamoy Chatterjee and the address of the Centre is that of the Secretary being: World Union Bally Centre, "Tarubithi", 200 Coswamipara Road, P.O. BALLY, Dt: Howrah, W. Bengal.

Bidhan Nagore: This Centre was also opened under inspiration and guidance of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Secretary, World Union New Alipur Centre. The Chairman is Sri Santosh Ghosh and the address of the Centre is that of the Chairman being: World Union Bidhan Nagore Centre, CA 158/Salt Lake City, CALCUTTA 700064.

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General Secretary
January 21, 1982



OUR PLANET EARTH

Man is the leader of the evolutionary march of life on Planet Earth. But he is yet an imperfect leader, very imperfectly fulfilling his duties and responsibilities. His ideas, ideals, habits, approach to problems are out of date and yet he clings to them tenaciously. The institutions which have been laboriously built by humanity served mankind well, but now need radical changes. Man's ideal of "my nation right or wrong", often affirmed, is utterly out of date and demands complete revision. Human Civilisation at present regional or national but not global, harbours racial discrimination, religious intolerance, social inequality, wide gap between the rich and the poor, institution of war, ideological conflicts, out-of-date institution of nationalism and national sovereignty and many other weaknesses.

The world has physically become one. Any event, circumstance, situation or happening in any part of the world affects the whole world. World leaders ought to think in terms of a global machinery to enforce decisions made in various important international gatherings. Without doubt, life on Planet Earth is in danger on account of wrong attitudes and incorrect policies of national leaders. There is the danger of nuclear war, environmental pollution, population explosion etc. The Time-Spirit demands that man must now begin to think and act as a Planetary Citizen to safeguard the future of life on this Planet. No single nation, however affluent or powerful, can solve single handed the problems facing humanity. It is essential to hammer out some kind of world order governed by enforceable world law. Unless it is done the world may easily drift towards a disaster. Future generations might justifiably think and say that men of the present generation behaved as semi-barbarians and the present States behaved as barbarous.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Seventh Triennial World Union World Conference:

It appears that the period of Diwali holidays may be altered. Instead of commencing the Diwali holidays from the 1st November 1982, it is likely that several States, including the Maharashtra State, might commence Diwali holidays from the 16th November. If that happens the dates of the Seventh Triennial Conference may be altered to some dates during the later half of November.

The theme of the Conference is "Earth is One". This theme will be considered by the Conference in four sub-heads: (i) Establishment of Peace, Unity and Progress in Earth Life; (ii) Maintenance of Environmental and Ecological Fabric of Earth Life; (iii) Conscious Evolution of the Life on Earth; (iv) Necessity for Global Machinery to Solve Earth Problems.

The Organizing Committee for the Conference, of which Sri N. S. Rao is the Chairman and Sri N. S. Amin the Hon. Secretary, has decided to appoint eight Committees: (i) Reception Committee; (ii) Transport Committee; (iii) Cultural Committee; (iv) Public Relations Committee; (iv) Hospitality and Boarding Committee; (iv) Souvenir Committee; (vii) Seminar Committee; and (viii) Coordination Committee.

The names of the President and inaugurator of the Conference will be decided in due course. The Organizing Committee of the Conference has already decided the names of the Chairman and members of each of the eight Committees but they are not yet finalised as it is necessary to approach each Chairman and Committee Member for his or her consent. Consequently the names of the Chairmen and the members of the Committees will be published in the next Focus.

World Citizens Day:

Sri J. N. Puri, Hon. Secretary of the World Union Delhi Centre, who keeps contact with several like-minded organizations and takes active interest in the activities of some international non-governmental organizations, writes that the World Citizens Assembly has addressed its Centres for the Celebration of the 20th March 1982, an equinox day, as the World Citizens Day. He hopes that the International Centre of World Union and other World Union Centres will suitably celebrate the day and send reports to World Union, Pondicherry, for publication in the Focus. Each World Union Centre may decide its own programme of the celebration.

It is high time that every human being in the world ought to consider himself or herself as a World Citizen. One's loyalty to family, city or village, region, nation, humanity should become superior to each bigger aggregate than the smaller one.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bally (Calcutta): This Centre was formally inaugurated on 26th January 1982 after approval by World Union International Centre. Devotional songs were presented by Sri Rabindra Nath Chatterjee, Kumari Manjusree Sarkhel, Kumari Sumita Chatterjee, Sri Rabi Ghosh and Smt. Kheyli Ghosh. Sri Karunamoy Chatterjee, Secretary of the Centre, read out the approval letter from Pondicherry after reciting a Vedic Mantra. He explained the purpose of the Centre in brief. In his inaugural address Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Vice-Chairman of the West Bengal Regional Centre stated the approach of the Movement from two aspects, the

outer or mechanical and the inner or spiritual. So far the spiritual Movement neglected the world and aimed at other worldly salvation. The mechanical or institutional approach is: League of Nations, U. N. O. or future World Government. The time is ripe for a synthesis. A Centre is an enlarged individual and it has also a soul, mind, life and body. Hence the principle of fourfold perfection should be applied for the development of a collective consciousness. Until then some outer schemes can be taken aiming to develop a spiritual comradeship. The meeting ended with group concentration and distribution of tea and snacks.

Bidhan Nagar: A meeting of the Centre was held in the 1st week of December 1981 at CB 189 Salt Lake City. Sri Samar Basu and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee were present in the meeting. They spoke on world unity and allied matters. Sri Santosh Ghosh, Chairman of the Centre also spoke. Sri Rashomay Banerjee played the host.

Bon-Hooghly: On 27-12-81 a one day Convention was organised by the Bon-Hooghly Centre with devotees of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. It was held at Aswininagar Deshapriya Balika Vidyamandir, Krishnapur (on V.I.P. Road), Calcutta-59. The Convention was divided into two sessions—morning from 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and second session from 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

(1) First Session: It commenced with the most enchanting hymn "Durga Stotra" of Sri Aurobindo read out by Kumari Banasree Bhattacharya. She also offered as opening song a Vedic hymn. All present most benignly offered flowers with deep respect for Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and a group concentration followed for five minutes. Dr. B. Bhattacharya read out the messages of goodwill received from Sri A. B. Patel General Secretary, World Union International along with Mother's blessings and Sri N. S. Rau, Chairman, National Centre India. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya presided and Dr. Biswa Nath Baral inaugurated and Smt. Anjali Bhadra, Asst. Headmistress of the institution was the Chief Guest.

The Chairman Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya explained that in each individual there is a dialectics of two tendencies, one is to assert himself, which is competitive and the other is to unify himself with others, which is socialist tendency. During the symbolic age of vedas there was an instinctive balance of the two tendencies. Nature is helping us to return to a balance, which is intuitive and very much higher. If we are to rise above individual ego, which is more or less objective and conditioned reflex, we are to discover the personal self, which is subjective in each person.

Dr. Biswanath Baral in his inauguration talk stated that the World Union Centres are simply schools where new characters are being educated for the future society of the human race in the united world. Smt. Anjali Bhadra in her talk stated that Sri Aurobindo and the Mother gave message of a new creation and new age and advised for self preparation by being self equipped with sufficient knowledge and by higher consciousness.

In the children's group, Kumari Banasree Bhattacharya read out an essay on Mother's life from boyhood to old age and explained who is the true Mother and what is our duty towards her. Kumari Sujata Sasmal read out an essay on supramental force and its action on us and what will be the ultimate result. Kumari Tamasi Goswami read out an essay on

revolutionary life of Sri Aurobindo. Kumari Alakananda Banerjee offered devotional music.

(2) Second Session: Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya continued to be in the Chair. The blind member, Sri Sadhan Chandra Ghosal, offered devotional song. Kumari Juthika Ghosal read out an essay on man's character and how to prepare self for oneness. The young group took part in all respects to make the Seminar a success.

The following representatives from the different Centres were present and represented their views—Sri T. K. Sirha, Secretary, Regional Centre; Sri Susanta Mitra, Vice-Chairman, National Centre-India, Sri Pabitra Kumar Sen Gupta, Ayyaka Sadhana Kendra and representatives of North Calcutta Centre, Chandarnagore Centre, Baranagar Centre Rishra Centre and many from different places were also present.

Mysore: An essay competition on the topic of "One Earth—One Humanity" is being organised among the students of the Junior Colleges in Mysore City and I & II Prizes are being awarded to the best two accordingly.

New Alipur: The monthly meeting on 4-2-82 started by remembering two precious events in this month viz. Mother's birthday and Auroville Day. Mira Mukherjee read out Mother's instruction "How to read Savitri". With any problem and difficulty if one can open any page of Savitri with a quiet mind, he will find the answer. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee read out the Mother's version of her childhood days about her parents and brother. Her mother wished that her children will be the best in the world. This aspiration came true when her brother had the inner invitation to become a God (but he refused without realising its significance) and golden light visibly entered in the Mother when she was hardly nineteen years old.

In connection with Auroville Day on 28th February, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee mentioned how Mother hinted at it in 1912 to establish an ideal society in a propitious spot for the flowering of the new race of the "sons of God" and Sri Aurobindo in "Jagannather Rath"—"The Temple City of God" and in "Life Divine"—"a new earth and heaven—a city of God, a divine descent upon earth" (Chapter "Man and the Evolution"). Mother dreamt of it as a perfect abode of "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" and a specimen of ideal human unity in future. Mrs. Indira Gandhi's Message for the day and the Auroville Charter were read out. The Charter was translated in Sanskrit by Sri M. P. Pandit.

Salt Lake: The eighth monthly meeting was held on 13. 2. 82 at AE 438 Salt Lake City. Sri S. K. Roy Chowdhury, a member of the Centre acted as Chairman. A discussion was held on the points of personal experience in meditation, meditation in practical works and expansion of meditation found in every religion, in every race, in every country of the world.

Uttarpara: The 100th monthly meeting of this Centre was held on Saturday, the 9th January 1982 at 5:30 P.M. in the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith under the Chairmanship of Sri N. B. Nandi. After three minutes silence before the Mother and Sri Aurobindo, Sri Samar Basu, lucidly explained the Psychic and its development and its primary importance

to the members of the World Union and it was the subject for discussion on the agenda. He explained the necessity of the psychic development for self realisation. In fact this is the key to Sri Aurobindo's yoga and without doing any yoga we cannot progress towards the World Union which is based on the spiritual unity of mankind.

Sri Sudhin Gupta read from the letters of Sri Aurobindo to explain the method of concentration in the head and heart centre and how it varies from Sadhaka to Sadhaka and the safest way to follow it. Sri Sadananda Bhattacharya raised a question about "Psychic" which was answered appropriately.

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Raghunathpur: This Centre was opened in January 1982 but inauguration was done in the meeting held on 6-2-82—with an opening song by Kumari Lipika Moira and group concentration. The approval of the Centre by the World Union International Centre was announced by Sri Shyam Charan Moira, Secretary of the Centre. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee stressed the importance of spiritual development on individual and collective basis which will ultimately culminate into World Union realisation. Sri Samar Basu discussed in detail about the inner and outer aspect of World Union. The outer aspect of World Union was explained in a schematic way of political, economic, moral and spiritual aspects of world revolution. Sri Basu stressed on the right attitude in outer activity.

Calcutta North Suburban: In the meeting held at the Centre on 31-1-82 Sri Rajen Ganguli of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry was the Principal Speaker who dwelt on "The Mother and Our World". Among the various interesting aspects he presented, he said:

"One cannot do without Sri Aurobindo while talking on the Mother and our World for the two are inseparable—rather they are the two-bodied One. While Sri Aurobindo representing the Purusha element acts directly on the mental and on the vital through the illumined mind, the Mother representing the Shakti element acts directly on the psychic and the emotional vital and on the physical being. These two facets of the One came down simultaneously as the two Avatars to create integral conditions necessary for the supermind destined to come down for raising the world to a higher state of consciousness. This is why the Mother while keeping herself back declared that Sri Aurobindo came to the world to announce the world of tomorrow."

And in that connection Sri Ganguly drew our attention to Sri Aurobindo's note of warning, "They must remember that the new world whose coming we envisage is not to be made of the same texture as the old and different only in pattern and that it must come by other means—from within and not from without; so the best way is not to be too much preoccupied with the lamentable things that are happening outside, but themselves to grow within so that they may be ready for the new world, whatever form it may take." Thus also the Mother said that the world is already united, and that unity is within us and that we are only required to be awakened to it and to grow and live that spirit. World Union is inevitable, asserted Sri Aurobindo; Nature is working towards that end. Before this supramental Avatarhood of Sri Aurobindo in this present birth, he came many a time to this; he was there in all the avatars right from the first one, The Matsavatar and so too the Mother.

Sri Ganguly concluded by drawing our attention to the Mother's prophesy, "A day will come when the Ashram will break its barrier and pervade the whole humanity".

Sri Satya Bose, Secretary, Sri Aurobindo Patha Mandir gave a talk in the meeting on 13-12-81. Among the various interesting things he said:

Sri Aurobindo once said, "No one can write about my life; because it has never been on the surface for man to see." And so the Mahasamadhi of Sri Aurobindo on the 5th December 1950, his passing away, cannot be called death as is used in common parlance; it was rather the greatest sacrifice for conquering death for humanity; it is a direct action for the supramentalisation of matter.

Sri Aurobindo was born here on earth to fulfil the Supreme Will. He got the vision of that supreme will lying hidden in the Supermind which in its totality was also discovered first by him. He found that the Truth Consciousness which is involved in the matter, is unfolding itself step by step from matter to life, from life to mind and it will inevitably unfold itself into Supermind too. His is the yoga of transformation—transformation of mind, life and body.

Sri Aurobindo brought down the Supramental light, the truth-consciousness-force first into his body, then into the Earth's consciousness, so that the evolution, rather the transformation, may take place swiftly instead of taking milleniums. It is not Sri Aurobindo's death, not even his passing away or sacrifice but decisive action direct from the Supreme in order to hasten up the advent of the Life Divine on earth.

New Centre:

Raghunathpur: This New Centre was opened in January 1982 under inspiration and guidance from Sri Samar Basu, Coordinator, Eastern Region. Sri Amar Kumar Koley is the Chairman and Sri Jyoti Charan Moira is the Secretary. The address of the Centre is that of the Secretary being: World Union Raghunathpur Centre, P.O. & VILL: RAGHUNATHPUR, Dt: Hooghly, West Bengal.

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General Secretary
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TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

PLANET OF GOD

O God, I do not know who you are, but I am in exultant joy before the magnificence of your Creation.

O God, I do not know who gave me life, but I thank you with every fiber of my heart for having lit up in me the Divine spark of light in the vast, dark, incomprehensible universe.

O God, I know that I come from you, that I am part of you, that I will return to you, and that there will be no end of to my return in the eternal stream of your splendid Creation.

O God, I do not know why you created light and darkness, happiness and despair, good and evil, love and hatred, creation and destruction, matter and void, time and space and allowed us to choose constantly between the two, but I know that it is my duty and joy to throw in my gauntlet for light, brightness, compassion, goodness, happiness, truthfulness, life, beauty and love.

O God, only you know the meaning of all there is in the heavens and on Earth. Why don't you return again to tell us once more what our lives and destiny should truly be?

O God, I cannot define you, I cannot see you, I cannot perceive you, I cannot understand you, I cannot embrace you, but I can most definitely feel you, love you, and know that you are. O God, have pity on us and allow us to make at long last this earth the Planet of God.

Robert Muller

We felicitate Dr. Muller on his appointment as the Assistant General of the Secretariat for Economic and Social Matters at the United Nations. His humility and dedication as evident in the above Prayer bring to the fore his humanism and spiritual transparency. Social and Economic spheres, more than the political, are what are more important for the common man. It will take a long time for the political climate all over the world to change to what it should be. But the social and economic concerns are capable of changing fast, as indeed they are presently doing. And they constitute the essential health of a society. Our approach to the problem of human unity is precisely this: we work to build from the grass roots. The political results will be a natural efflorescence of the changes from within and below. From this point of view, we need not at all be disheartened by the disharmonies among the three worlds today. Let us start changing where we are and the consequences will slowly but surely become evident in due time.

Seventh Triennial World Union World Conference:

As the authorities concerned are still sorting out the matter, the actual dates will be published in the May 1982 Focus. However, it is certain that the Conference will be held at Bombay in November 1982.

Proposed Seminar at Nargol:

Owing to a number of factors it has not been possible to organise this Seminar proposed to be held in May 1982.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

Special Note for all World Union Centres and Workers regarding Reports of Organizational Activities:

The Reports (a) should cover only the actual activity carried out, (b) should be brief and (c) should be typed or legibly written—in double spacing—in order to avoid delay and allow proper processing.

World Union Centres:

Delhi: (1) 7-3-82—Smt. Savitri Nigam, Sri B.P. Nigam and J.N. Puri represented the World Union at an International Conference on "The Mobilization of Youth for Peace and Voluntary Service for a Better World", held at New Delhi on the 7th March 1982. The Conference was organised by Regional Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service and it was inaugurated by Smt. Sheila Kaul, Minister for Education. Approximately one hundred delegates, comprising of students and youth leaders from Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asian countries and representatives of Asian Voluntary Organisations attended the Conference. The objectives of the World Conference were as under: (i) To mobilise the youth of the world on a non-official and non-political basis to promote peace, understanding and goodwill on a grass-root level; (ii) To build up and utilise youth power, initiative and enthusiasm in active voluntary service for the betterment of mankind; and (iii) To remove violence and hatred by breaking all artificial barriers of race, caste, creed and religion. The participation of the youth was very much there and their contribution to the Conference was very lively and active. The Conference has chalked out an Action Programme which will be shared with all like-minded individuals and organisations shortly. Apart from other prominent leaders the Conference was also addressed by the Zambian High Commissioner, His Excellency A.C. Chalikulima. The papers read by the youth leaders were very inspiring and contained

very many suggestions for practical action to meet the challenges of our time. Kumari Rohini Gopalan and Sri Sameer Kochhar—two youth representatives from Delhi pledged that they will devote their time and energy to render voluntary service for the betterment of humanity.

(2) 11-3-82 to 13-3-82: The aforesaid three representatives of World Union also attended three days Seminar on "Value Orientation in Human Problem Solving"—held at New Delhi on 11, 12 and 13 March 1982. The Seminar was sponsored jointly by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi and Vivekananda Nidhi of Calcutta. The Seminar was inaugurated by Swami Yuktananda of Vivekananda Nidhi and was attended by about 50 persons, including young persons, belonging to cross-section of society. The valedictory address was delivered by Sri T.N. Chaturvedi, Home Secretary, Government of India. He fully endorsed the importance of the Seminar and congratulated the organisers for taking such a timely and important step. In spite of the fact that Sri Chaturvedi was there only to deliver the valedictory address, his address gave glimpses of the various topics that were discussed by the participants of the Seminar for three days and his address was almost summing up of the various suggestions made by the resource leaders, consultants and the participants. In conclusion, Swami Yukatananda assured the Home Secretary that the purpose of the Seminar was to share and render all possible help to the Government in bringing out changes in the citizens of this country.

(3) 20-3-82: World Citizens Assembly, World Union, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Indian Housewives Federation, National Integration Conference and All-India Crime Prevention Society (Delhi) have jointly organised a function to celebrate the World Citizens Day at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. On the same day the WCA—World Headquarters will have world conference by telephone with its Centres round the world and message will be conveyed all over the world on that eventful day "to reaffirm our oneness as World Citizens" for international integration on the Equinox Day. World Citizens Assembly is working for an important cause "to build a World Community". On this occasion in 1981 the following proclamation was signed by the Mayors of San Francisco, Berkeley and five other Bay Area Cities of California in U.S.A:-

PROCLAMATION

Whereas: The welfare and security of all the citizens of this city are linked with the security and welfare of communities of all parts of the world, and our objective in this city must be to continue individually and collectively to encourage our citizens to recognise their responsibilities to the entire human family, and

Whereas: The World Citizens Assembly, founded in San Francisco in 1975 on the thirtieth anniversary of the birth of the United Nations, resolved at its Third World Assembly in Japan in the summer of 1980 to celebrate globally as "World Citizens Day" the Spring Equinox (also known as "Earth Day") when day and night are of equal length everywhere on earth,

Now, therefore I, Mayor of the City of do hereby proclaim March 20, 1981 to be World Citizens Day and urge all citizens to participate in the festivities linking people of our city to people of all the earth, acknowledging our common humanity.

Signed
Mayor of

Bangalore: The Annual Meeting was held on 14-2-82 in Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, Bangalore 560019 at 5:00 P.M.. Twenty-seven members were present. Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana presided. After silent prayer, two minutes silence was in memory of two demised members of the Centre: late Sri T.D. Naganna and late Sri Chhotubhai Desai (Life Member).

Sri K.S. Sridharan, Jt. Secretary read the notice of General Body Meeting and the Secretaries' report which was approved. Accounts for the years 1980 and 1981 were approved and Budget for 1982 was passed. After preliminary remarks by the president, elections were conducted and the Working Committee of nine persons was elected unanimously including—Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row as President and Sri H.K. Shantavearappa and Sri K. R. Krishna Swamy as Vice-Presidents.

The President in his concluding speech thanked the Office-bearers and members for their cooperation in implementing several programmes and for the successful conduct of the Third National Convention at Bangalore. He congratulated the new Office-Bearers and assured them of the cooperation and support of all members. Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row, President elect, thanked the members for their confidence in electing him as the President and spoke appreciatively of the work done by Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana and team of workers.

Sri Subbarayan moved a resolution for recording the appreciation of members for the excellent work done by the president and Office-bearers of the years 1980 and 1981. The General Body places on record the services, guidance and advice rendered by Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau, Sri M.P. Pandit and Sri A.B. Patel and thanked them. It also expressed its gratitude to the Management of N.M.K.R.V. I Grade College and Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs for permitting it to hold the meetings of World Union.

Sri B.S. Subbarayan proposed a vote of thanks. The meeting was declared closed by the President. A buffet dinner was arranged at 7.30 P.M.

Bon-Hooghly: The monthly meeting of this Centre was held on 30.1.82 at 6:00 P.M, at the residence of Dr. B. Bhattacharya. It was the day of "Sreepanchami" i.e. Saraswatipuja observed benignly door to door. Sri Dulal Chandra Paul took the Chair. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Sri Karunamoy Chatterjee, Bar-at-Law and Dr. S. Mukherjee were present as guests. Kumari Banarsee Bhattacharya read out the "Durga Stotra" of Sri Aurobindo followed by 5 minutes group concentration. Dr. B. Bhattacharya read out a portion from Surrender and Yoga of the Mother and discussed the same.

Sri P. Bhattacharya talked on the formation of World Union and utility of 'Yoga' which is designed to effect the re-union of the devotees soul with universal spirit. Everyone can feel, see and realise the spirit provided if he follows the principle of Divine voice of the

Divine Mother. He also described his own experiences. Sri Chatterjee and Dr. Mukherjee also took part in discussion in the same way. Sri Dulal Chandra Paul concluded the meeting saying that the Divine Mother is always with us and guides us. By the grace of the Mother this year we have been able to introduce the book "Chhotoder Galpa" by the Mother as rapid reader text book for class VII in Deshapriya Balika Vidyamandir, Dum Dum.

The following programmes were organised for the Mother's birthday:

1. 10-2-82, following an invitation, Dr. B. Bhattacharya of this Centre visited the Panpur High School, Haringhata, 24 Parganas. A meeting was organised by the Headmaster in his Institution at 2:30 P.M. along with teaching staffs, elder students and prominent personalities, of nearby villages. Dr. Bhattacharya was the only speaker. At first he distributed 100 copies of the "Ideal Child" by the Mother. He talked on Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's life and works. The villagers took keen interest and expressed that they had no idea about Sri Aurobindo and the Mother previously. The Headmaster said that his village is a remote area and the local people should be enlightened with the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and requested to take up a village programme accordingly.

2. On 18-2-82 the Centre distributed 150 copies of the "Ideal Child" among the students and teachers of R.B.T. High School, Calcutta-50 and a short general discussion was held there on Ideal Child.

3. On 21-2-82 the members and others assembled at 6:00 P.M. at the hall of Uttamasha Sporting Club. Many young boys and girls of this locality were present. Sri Kalidas Karmakar took the Chair. Opening song was offered by Km. Banasree Bhattacharya, followed by a group concentration for five minutes. Sri Kalidas Karmakar, Sri Dulal Chandra Paul and Sri Ashok Roy Choudhury lead the discussion on the Mother's life. Dr. B. Bhattacharya talked on Yoga and World Union in very simple language and discussed the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother for self-preparation. The meeting ended at 8:00 P.M.

Mysore: The sixteenth meeting was held on 27-2-82 with Sri B.V. Balasubrahmanyam, Chairman, in the Chair.

The article "Building the Institutions of Peace" by Rene V. L. Wadlow, published in the February 1982 issue of the journal was taken up for discussion at the meeting. Sri S. R. Subba Rao, who acted as Moderator, elucidated the salient points of the article. Elaborating he said: "The theme of Peace and Service are no doubt laudable, but how to achieve them? Proper understanding between man and man, country and country is pre-requisite for global peace. This could best be achieved through plurality of Institutions as an Institution is an instrument of the collective will of people over a period of time. The United Nations Organisation, which is born in the hope of people is striving much in this direction and it is the duty of everyone of us to strengthen its hands. We must act with the full capacity of the qualities deposited in us by God and absolutely restore the great moral force of love, compassion, truthfulness, brotherhood and hope in the human destiny which have always been at the root of civilization. . . ."

North Calcutta: After the report of the 82nd monthly meeting of 26th January 1981 which was last published in "World Union", North Calcutta Centre completed its 95th monthly meeting on 20th February 1982. Though reports were not sent for publication North Calcutta Centre conducted its Monthly Meetings, Monthly Study Circles, Weekly Programmes of Group Meditation and Cultural Exchange regularly.

The Fourth General Meeting of the Centre was held on 7th February 1982 at 3:00 P.M. at "New Dawn" when the New Executive Body of the Centre consisting of thirteen persons was approved --including Sri Susanto Mitra as Chairman; Sri Sujit Kumar Palit as Secretary and Sri Gour Mohan Chatterjee as Treasurer. The Newly formed Executive Committee took charge as from 7-2-82.

(1) 13-2-82: Having taken charges as the Secretary of the Centre, Sri Sujit Kumar Palit conducted the Study Circle for the month of February as usual at Centre's New Dawn Hall, 18A Ramdhona Mitra Lane, Calcutta-700004, at 7:00 P.M. In continuation of his reading from and discussion on "The Mother" by Sri Aurobindo Sri Palit read portions from the 6th Chapter of the book (e.g. "Maheshwari") and discussed in a nut-shell the unique features of the Chapter as well as of the book itself. Sri Rajen Ganguly of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, who had been at Calcutta for a short visit was present at "New Dawn" and, as and when requested delivered a short and intimate speech on the Mother and by the way encouraged the organisers of the Centre for its activities.

(2) 14-2-82: A cultural programme was held at "New Dawn" at 7:00 P.M. by arrangement with "Gitanjali", a musical unit of Bhadrakali, Uttarpara, Hooghly. The artistes skillfully demonstrated with suitable illustrations the various influences of traditional, classical and folk songs undertaken absorbed and synthesised by Rabindra Nath Tagore in his own songs. The programme was attended by the members and invitees of both the guest and host organisations at Centre's place. While delivering vote of thanks Sri Sujit Kumar Palit conveyed to all the message of World Union and requested them to cooperate with the organisation in its activities based on love, fraternity and goodwill.

(3) 20-2-82: The 95th monthly meeting of the Centre was successfully held as usual at 7:00 P.M. at "New Dawn". After devotional songs by Sri Hemendra Nath Kar and group concentration for 10 minutes Sri Sujit Kumar Palit in his brief introductory speech announced the aims and objectives of the organisation and invited all to join in the ever broadening activities of the Centre. After that the invited speaker of the evening, Prof. Debi Prasad Sen, an eminent scholar and orator, spoke on "Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and World Union". He elaborately elucidated the subject of discussion and emphasised that present day crises of the world and its ever-increasing tension can only be eased by the consolidated effort of the inspired and dedicated souls and by concerted movement like World Union. He further added that inspite of the chaos caused by the darker forces, the powers of goodwill, faith and divine love are growing evermore to combat evil and the world is moving towards its destined goal which is "fairer, brighter and nobler" as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo. The meeting terminated at 9:00 P.M. with devotional songs and group concentration.

(4) 21-2-82: The Mother's birthday was observed by the Centre at "New Dawn" when some 20 members gathered together for flower offering and meditation at 7:00 P.M. Sri Sujit Kumar Palit read out a few selected passages from the Mother's "Prayers and Meditations" when members listened with rapt attention. The atmosphere was charged with rare tranquility and all present felt the presence of the Mother's love and peace.

New Alipur: The monthly meeting on 4th March with many new young faces started with devotional music by Mira Mukherjee. Dr. Amalendu Bose, the Chairman, graced the occasion by his unique way of study on Gita, specially its Karmayoga aspect. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee introduced the subject by quoting from Sri Aurobindo: "Arjuna & Krishna, this human and this Divine, stand together not as seers in the peaceful hermitage of meditation, but as fighter and holder of the reins in the glamorous field. . . in the chariot of battle. . . He is the secret master of works". Shanker's version as 'no work' cannot be accepted as none can stay even for a moment without doing any work. Dr. Bose, with reference from "Atul Prasad Sen" — mentioned that ideal law is disinterested work with no attachment for result. While discussing the truth of Karmayoga, he mentioned how Jesus was ridiculed in his trial when he mentioned what is 'Truth'. He also cited some interesting similies from 'Chaucer' and 'Dante'. Jnanayoga will be discussed by him in the next session. The meeting ended with classical and Rabindra music by Utpal Chowdhury and Mrinal K. Das.

(2) 21st February was observed as Mother's Birthday in a solemn atmosphere with prayer and meditation conducted by Mira Mukherjee both morning and evening. Dr. Mukherjee attended a joint Seminar by Sri Aurobindo Society and World Union at Chakradharpur on this occasion as the guest speaker and spoke on Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana and the aim of human life.

Raghunathpur: The monthly meeting was held on Saturday, the 6th March 1982. It commenced with a devotional song by Sri Somnath Moira and group concentration for two minutes.

Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed the importance of foundation of World Union. He explained the necessity of spiritual development to meet the challenges of present world crisis. Then he spoke about 'Ego'. Ego is the bar both at individual and collective level. Lastly he said that only yoga can establish World Peace and bring in the Supramental consciousness into our earth-life in its spiritual ascent towards Absolute Divinity.

Sri Ma Sinthi: The Annual Meeting was held at 403 R.N. Tagore Road, Calcutta-77 at "Sri Ma" Bhaban on Sunday, the Mother's Birthday 21st February 1982 at 10:00 A.M. Sri Suhrit Gopla Dutta, Advocate of Amrita Bazar Patrika presided and Sri M.P. Goenka, Industrialist and Mother's devotee was the Chief Guest. Srimati Geeta Goenka was the special guest.

After opening song by Smt. Soobha Goswami, Sangit Prahakar and reading out the letter with Blessings of the Mother sent by Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry and the inspiring message from Sri A.B. Patel, General Secretary and Treasurer of World Union International, mass meditation was observed and after Sri Chunilai chanted the hymns from

Santi Stotra of Yajur Veda, the meeting started. Sri Dhiren Sarkar of Suradhuni Music School demonstrated tape-recorded music on the Mother. Smt. Tultul Pal, Teacher, recited the famous poem "NAMASKAR" of Rabindranath Tagore on Sri Aurobindo and then Sri Chunilal Goswami discussed in brief the starting of Sri-Ma Centre in 1975 and the World Union Centre at the same place in 1981 (inaugurated by Sri M.P. Pandit on 11-1-81) and its regular monthly sittings on second Saturday of each month. He also discussed the five aims of Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana and its present movement of World Union throughout the world and pointed out the dire necessity of the united work of all people in the world to achieve permanent peace in the tension-torn world of today.

Sri Pabitra Sen Gupta discussed nicely the life and teachings of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo and necessity of publicity of their great teachings among all peoples of the world. Sri Parimal Chakravorty famous Poet and Mother's devotee dwelt upon the teachings of Mother in the realm of education and depicted Ashram's education system nicely which interested all present. Sri Bibhuti Sengupta, Teacher, described Sri Aurobindo as the greatest visionary in the spiritual world of today.

Sri M.P. Goenka, discussed Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana and compared with all other spiritual and religious faiths in the world including Jesus Christ, Prophet Mohammed, Lord Buddha, Mahavir Sri Ramakrishna and Sri Chaitanya and marked the final completion in Sri Aurobindo. Sri S.G. Dutta, discussed lucidly the working in Sri Aurobindo Ashram and Sri Sarada Ranjan Pandit, journalist, spoke nicely to the effect that on the Divine Mother's Birthday, we feel special love for Her, which should be extended to our worldly mothers. Sri Santosh Mukherjee, Ex. Editor of "Sammilony" brilliantly compared the day's celebration at this Centre as an emblem of Sri Aurobindo's sublime and true Sadhana and compared the Centre as a Mini-Ashram where people from all walks of life of the locality come each year and pay homage to the Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

Sri Gour Bhaduri, an eminent musician sang three devotional songs and thrilled the audience with his charming tune and turned the whole atmosphere into Tapovan of the ancient ages. Smt. Goenka also sang a beautiful song on the Mother in Bengali. Smt. Bina Pani Roy entertained all devotees and guests with light refreshments. The members from Calcutta North Suburban Centre, Baranagar and Calcutta Centres of World Union participated in the celebration.

Salt Lake : The 9th monthly meeting was held on 13.3.82 at AE 438 Salt Lake City. Eight members attended. Sri S.K. Roy Chowdhury presided. The notice of the 23rd annual meeting of the Executive Committee, World Union International Centre, Pondicherry, was read out. It was decided that Smt. Anjali Roy, Secretary represent this Centre.

A brief discussion was held on the three elements of a human being, that is, animality, humanity and divinity in the light of Sri Aurobindo's views "Man is a transitional being; he is not final".

Uttarpara : The 101st monthly Seminar of this Centre was held on 13-2-82 at Amarendra Vidyapith at 5:30 P.M. when Sri N.B. Nandi presided. The subject of the Seminar was—"World Union in the Light of Sri Ramakrishna, Swami Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo".

In his Inaugural address Sri Nirmal Kumar Roy, traced the basis of the teachings of Sri Ramakrishna and Swamiji wherefrom he endeavoured to derive the essence of human unity. Beyond the religious beliefs and social doctrines there lay the truth of oneness. Sri Roy concluded saying that what was in seed form in the teachings of Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda was made more elucidative and clarified later on by Sri Aurobindo in his works and teachings.

Then Sri S. K. Gupta spoke at length on the subject indicating how Sri Aurobindo expressed his reverence and respect to Sri Ramkrishna by reading out a few relevant passages from Sri Aurobindo. Sri Narasingh Mukherjee and Dr. S. Bhattacharjee took part in the discussions and Sri Samar Basu concluded the Seminar. In his short speech Sri Basu explained how Sri Aurobindo justified the inevitability of World Union in human political evolution.

This Centre also observed the happy birth anniversary of the Mother on 21st January at the residence of Sri A. S. Nandi when members assembled to meditate after offering flower to the lotus feet of the Mother.

New Centre:

Navrangpura: This New Centre was opened under inspiration and guidance of Sri G. N. Sadhu, Coordinator for Gujarat. Sri Kalyanbhai G. Patel is the Convenor and the address of the Centre is that of the Convenor being: World Union Navrangpura Centre, 23 Raopura Society, Navrangpura, AHMEDABAD-9 (Gujarat State).

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**General Secretary
March 19, 1982**

ILLUSIONS

Samuel Clemens once said, "Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist, but you have ceased to live." Illusions are important because they are often your dreams. And dreams are the forerunners of accomplishment. We were made to be dreamers and pursuers of our dreams. Keep your illusions on the bright screen of life. This will give you a sense of direction. Life with direction is life assured of accomplishment.

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TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

A report from the United Nations makes staggering reading. It says:

The world spends on armaments every year at the rate of 110 dollars (Rs. 990) for every man, woman or child. Five to eight per cent of the world's total output has been allocated to the military annually for the past 30 years. Military spending in 1980 was \$.500 billions (Rs. 450,000 crores).

At the same time, there are 570 million people who are malnourished, 800 million illiterate, 1,500 million who have little or no medical care and some 250 million children who do not go to school.

These are some of the findings of a study conducted by a group of governmental experts at the instance of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Centre for Disarmament.

The study has also revealed that nearly 50,000 nuclear warheads are now deployed and their combined explosive yield is about one million times greater than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945.

It is estimated that more than \$. 26 billions are annually traded in arms traffic, both by the developed and the developing countries.

The study says that some 50 million people are, directly or indirectly, engaged in military activities world-wide. Of them, nearly 25 million are in regular armed forces and 10 million in para-military forces.

(The Hindu, April 15, 1982)

Apart from the fact that priceless resources are being drawn upon for such negative purposes as the manufacture of destructive weapons-resources that could have been utilised for infinitely more needed and constructive activities, there is a danger in the situation that is not commonly realised. It is a facile argument to put forward that these weapons are deterrent and are not meant to be used at any time. The Mother once observed that when these nuclear weapons and the like are manufactured, they go on exerting a subtle pressure in the environment for their utilisation. Each weapon emanates vibrations for its self-effectuation. Imagine the total effect of this weaponry in the long run. That things have not exploded is not due to any wisdom on the part of the leaders of the Blocks but due to some providence, an act of Grace preventing the mass suicide of humanity.

In such a situation as this, it is the duty of every right thinking individual to support every move towards Peace, towards Unity. It is from that angle that we welcome the efforts of our Centre in Delhi in collaboration with other progressive organisations in promoting the

concept of world citizenship. We have pleasure in reproducing a report received from the Secretary:

20th March 1982 — 5:30 P.M. — As in 1981, the World Citizens Day was celebrated in New Delhi jointly by World Citizens Assembly, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, World Union and Indian Housewives Federation jointly at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Charakyapuri, New Delhi. Shri Kedar Pandey, Union Irrigation Minister was the Chief Guest of the function which was attended by about 40 persons. The function was presided over by Shri Chhedi Lal and other participants were Shrimati Indu Jain, representing Integrated Institutions International, Acharya Shri Devji, representing Vedanta Life Institute, New Delhi, Shri B.P. Nigam (of All India Crime Prevention Society) and Shrimati Savitri Nigam, representing World Citizens Assembly, World Union, Indian Housewives Federation and National Integration Conference.

The function opened with lovely songs by small but bubbling children of Better World. Smt. Savitri Nigam introduced the guests and delivered the welcome address on behalf of all the organisations joining hands in celebrating the most eventful day to sow the seeds of World Citizenship, World Constitution, World Government and hoped that all these small efforts of today will sprout as big movements all over the world and thus save the humanity from the disasters ahead of us. Shri Chhedi Lal introduced the subject and spelt out the working of the World Union and other like-minded organisations for the good of the humanity. Acharyaji gave his blessings to the function and gave the good news that we are living at a time when so many good things are going to happen. According to his forecast United Nations Headquarters will shift to India and there will be World Peace and World Government within the next ten years. He appreciated the efforts of all the like-minded individuals and organisations in joining hands for such good causes.

Smt. Indu Jain gave details of her work connected with Integrated Institutions International which stands for changing the minds of all human beings. She was happy to have heard the songs given by the children of Better World Group and stated that it is good to start all good things and projects with the children. She expressed the great need for realisation of inner self and regaining a meaningful control over one's mind and body for better and greater fulfilment of life. According to her "The greatest need, therefore, for mankind today is 'integration' — integration of mind, body and soul which are badly tormented and his external environments." Shri Sharma spoke on the great idea of Vishwa-Manava universal man and he quoted the examples of life of Mahatma Gandhi whose life was an experiment of life with truth and non-violence. Sri B.P. Nigam emphasised the need for greater coordination among all like-minded individuals and institution for achieving the great goals of human life. He emphasised the need for building the character of children and to use the youth power for constructive approach to life and living.

Thereafter Shri Kedar Pandey, the Chief Guest of the evening spoke and appreciated the efforts of the Organisers to have brought him in touch with so many good individuals and institutions working for so many good and laudable causes. He spelt out that our future is very bright and gave an account of the universe and the fact that the Mother Earth is the only planet where there is life. He traced the history of man and claimed that man has progressed in all directions and that there is no cause of any despondency as the humanity is marching for progress in all directions and that India is progressing in the right direction.

He said that man is composed of six elements of life and they do play their role. He traced the glorious progress we have made in our country both spiritually and materially. According to him the United Nations has made much progress and all the countries are members of the United Nations which is an achievement of our time.

Speaking of the world situation and world tension of armament he stated that despite the two super powers there is the most powerful world called the Third World which has great potentials. India is playing a very significant role in building this Third World Power Block for the good of the humanity. He appreciated the role our Prime Minister has played in the world politics to start the process of dialogue with all powers of the world. Her role of bringing all nations to the discussion table was appreciated by all. The need for saving the humanity from exploitations of all kinds is more imperative now and all of us should work for that ceaselessly. Finally, he appreciated the cause taken up by the celebration of World Citizens Day as the solution to all ills of the world lies in the trusteeship and class collaboration of the world. He emphasised the need for well balanced development of the spiritual and material needs, action oriented programmes, high ideals and the need for building powerful strength for world government.

The function closed with another song from the children and vote of thanks moved by Shri Chhedi Lal. Our thanks were due to Shri Kedar Pandey who gave the needed leadership to the cause and to Dr. K. V. Sreedharan who offered the facilities of accommodation and hospitality to the participants.

WCPA—PROVISIONAL WORLD PARLIAMENT:

Those interested in attending at Brighton (UK) in September 1982 should provisionally register with: World Union Pondicherry 605002. Details of fees etc. will be provided later.

SEVENTH TRIENNIAL WORLD UNION WORLD CONFERENCE :

Finally confirmed dates are from—25th to 28th November 1982. The registration fees are (a) Delegates Rs. 100-00; (b) Reception Committee members Rs. 300-00. Last date of registration will be announced latter.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

Special Note for all World Union Centres and Workers regarding Reports of Organizational Activities:

The Reports (a) should cover only the actual activity carried out, (b) should be brief and (c) should be typed or legibly written—in double spacing—in order to avoid delay and allow proper processing.

World Union Centres:

Bombay: (1) A meeting was held to celebrate World Citizens Day on 20.3.82 at 5:00 P. M. at 102 Sangam, Bombay, under the auspices of World Union Bombay, Khar and Sion Centres and Sri Aurobindo Peddar Road Centre when eminent persons from different walks of life and different spiritual disciplines were present. The function commenced with fifteen minutes meditation. Sri N.S. Amin, Secretary of World Union spoke on the importance and significance of World Citizens Day. He observed that the year 1980 has laid the foundation for a New world Order. He said that in the evolutionary march humanity was helped by the principles of nationalism but man must now take his next evolutionary step by becoming a Universal Man. He appealed to the persons of goodwill of the whole world to unite and build together peace and unity on truth, honesty, justice and love. Sri Kastar Singh Bagga spoke on behalf of World Citizens Assembly and gave a brief history of its working. Sri Jamnadas K. Ladiwala of the Institute for Creative Living also endorsed the importance of World Citizenship. Sri Kuldip Narain of Theosophical Society explained the relevance of World Citizenship with reference to the International Theosophical Movement. Sri Shantibhai Patel spoke on the importance of Sadhana and its translation in daily life. Sri Rajnikant Mehta from Madras who had earlier attended World Citizens Assembly meeting explained the significance of the day.

Smt. Suvarnaben and some members have offered prayers daily for one minute for the establishment of Peace on Earth. Sri N.S. Amin suggested that every member should offer prayer daily at 7:00 A.M. for one minute for the establishment of Peace on Earth. After a brief meditation and snacks the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Smt. Suvarnaben for hosting the members with devotion and love. The whole atmosphere was charged with the vibrations of Unity and Love. Members felt that they were in Mother's home.

(2) A Meeting of World Union members to receive and meet Sri A.B. Patel, General Secretary & Treasurer of World Union International was held at the residence of Sri N.S. Rao, 1 Union Park, Khar, Bombay, on 28.2.82 at 5:00 P.M. Sri N.S. Rao, Vice-Chairman of World Union International and Chairman of World Union Bombay Centre, explained the importance of the ensuing World Union International Conference to be held in November 1982 and gave a brief picture of the Conference. He discussed various view points for different sub-committees for approval and guidance of Sri A.B. Patel. Sri A.B. Patel was praised by the members present by giving him a tribute for the excellent work done by him for World Union. He expressed his deep gratitude for the sentiments expressed in the tribute and wished heartily for the success of the ensuing 7th Triennial World Union World Conference. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Rao for hosting the members. It was a happy coincidence that three important events coincided on 28.2.82. It was a foundation day of Auroville and also the foundation day of World Union Khar Centre.

(3) University Grants Commission arranged the Sri Aurobindo Memorial lecture series from 17th to 19th February 1982 at the Bombay University convocation hall. Members of World Union and Sri Aurobindo Society took active part in organising the same. Dr. N.A.

Palkhivala, Life Member of World Union, who has been making a close study of ancient mystics, said in his introductory remarks that the more the science advanced, the closer it came to Vedantic and spiritual values. Prof. Ram Joshi, Vice-Chancellor of Bombay University, welcomed the guests.

Dr. Fritjof Capra, delivering Sri Aurobindo lecture series, said the truth resulting from the meditations of eastern philosophers was borne out by scientific investigations in sophisticated laboratories. The modern physicists also shared with Eastern mystics the realization that the network of relationship which constitutes physical reality is intrinsically dynamic. Dr. Capra explained how the fundamental changes in the concepts of reality are now taking place in various fields of modern science and how there emerges a new holistic and ecological world view, a view closely related to the views of mystics of all ages and traditions and in particular to the views of the spiritual traditions of India. He said that Indian mystics too have used the image of the cosmic dance to convey their intuition of nature. The magnificent image of Shiv Natraja unifies in the most beautiful way ancient mythology, religious art and modern science.

Lectures were well attended by eminent persons from different walks of life and scientists, students and professors from various colleges and institutes.

Baranagore : In its monthly meeting of third Sunday on 21 March 1982 at 28/1 Manna Para Road, Calcutta-90, the Centre observed group concentration in response to the call of World Citizens Assembly—suitably a day after the equinox day. Smt. Juiphul Roy was in the Chair. Members of Bon-hooghly Centre namely Dr. Basudeb Bhattacharya and Sri Dulal Paul attended.

Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya informed about the Executive Committee Meeting of World Union International Centre to be held on 23.4.82 at Pondicherry. He also informed that he was carrying on Savitri class in Chandernagore Centre on the first Sundays, where all are welcome. Information about the International Youth Camp on Nainital from 18 May to 8 June was given. Next he took up the Veda class, reading the original and explaining that in Bengali.

After the closing of the session, members were requested to attend the function, arranged on that day in the music school "SURADHUNI" founded by a member of this Centre Sri Dharendra Chandra Sarkar, where pieces from Savitri would be recited and Rabindra Sangeet of the same spirit would be sung one by one. A group of members attended that function.

Bhandarhati : Sri Purna Chandra Auddy the Chairman stated the purpose of revival of this World Union Centre in his introductory speech and introduced Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee to the members.

Dr. Mukherjee in his speech stated the aim, purpose of formation of World Union and its activities. He mentioned what Mother and Sri Aurobindo said about World Union. He said Sri Aurobindo was a realist and mystic. Man is a mental animal. He will have to rise above mind in order to lead a nobler and brighter life. All activities of man has until now failed because he has tried to solve the problems from a mental level. He cited few examples and said that we are directly or indirectly connected with world activities. He said that we are all

one but the ego gives a sense of separation. He mentioned different kinds of ego and how national ego stood on the formation of one world and world government.

In answer to questions he explained the difference between (i) Aim of Communism and World Union and (ii) Sri Aurobindo's Yoga and other Yogas.

Bon-Hooghly: The monthly meeting was held on 31.3.82 at 6.30 P.M. Sri Dulal Chandra Paul was in the Chair. The meeting commenced with five minutes group concentration. Sri Paul read out a portion from the Mother's grace and surrender and he discussed it for better understanding by the children. Dr. B. Bhattacharya recited four lines from the epic poem Savitri of Sri Aurobindo:

"A few shall see what none yet understands,
God shall grow up while the wise man talk and sleep
For man shall not know the coming till its hour
And belief shall be not till the work is done."

He said that World Union Movement is a platform for all to work with like-minded individuals with no ulterior motives but with sincere dedication to the promotion of unity. We have only to dispossess ourselves of wrong habits of thinking, feeling and action, cultivate the right habits. The World Union Movement approach is that each one so regulates his life as to create a climate for the formation, growth and the expression of love.

Calcutta: Monthly Programmes with the children were held at 26E Turf Road, Calcutta 700025 on 24.10.81, 21.11.81 and 19.12.81. These were conducted by Sri Madan Mohan Chandra and noted teachers Smt. Dhira Basu and Smt. Ila Datta. Children numbering about fifteen participated. Sri Madan Mohan Chandra explained to the children that students should take proper care and pay attention in schools and should be regular, attentive and devoted to studies. The School is the most important and vital foundation of their future career towards attainment of success and prosperity in their future lives as attained by the great leaders and illustrious personalities of international fame. He explained to the children the essence of the integrated education followed in Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry.

Smt. Dhira Basu stressed the necessity of the individual students taking special care and attention to build up sound physique since health is wealth and also to attain regulated life with highest standard of discipline, morality and sense of human oneness. Smt. Ila Datta laid stress on the fact that the students should obey and follow the advice and guidance given by their parents and teachers for their future good, benefit and welfare. The children were told the special significance of Durga Puja or Dashera, Kali Puja or Diwali with their social and spiritual importance and also crucifixion of Jesus Christ for the cause of emancipation of mankind with great love and affection. The children participants who made their marks and impressed are: Kumaries Sushmita Dutta, Maitraiye Mukherji, Rumpa Day, Kakali and Runa Datta, in Music and Recitation and Masters Atanu Datta, Debasis Nandi, Indrajit Datta, Soumen Neogy, Debji, Subhasis and Debasis Datta and Anirban Bhadra in recitation, Merit Tests, Self Composed Poems and Articles and discussion on Social and Spiritual topics etc.

Calcutta North Suburban : 14.3.82 —After devotional song offered by Sri Soumen Mukherjee and his troupe followed by group meditation for 10 minutes, the meeting started with Sri Samar Basu, Coordinator, Eastern Region, speaking on "World Union and Our Mother". Sri Basu dwelt at the outset on the questions and answers of the Mother (1964) in regard to human unity and change of consciousness for bringing about World Union. Then he spoke at length on various aspects of the Mother. Being the Mahasakti as interpreted by Sri Aurobindo in his book—The Mother who was to bring about necessary changes in the world so as to make it ready for the establishment of the 'World Soul'. World Unity is a pre-requisite for the establishment of Life Divine on Earth. He explained why Divine intervention is necessary at each evolutionary crisis. At present mankind is also passing through an evolutionary crisis—which has to be successfully passed through and here the Mother would need our collaboration for the fulfilment of the Divine scheme.

Thereafter Sri Basu read out different messages of the Mother in regard to Human Unity and World Union, from August 1949 onwards. He concluded by reading out a very significant and meaningful message of the Mother given on the 6th April 1961 to all those concerned with World Union activities: "All your differences are purely mental and in spite of the great importance you seem to give to them, they are, in fact of very little importance and could easily be overcome if each one makes a broadening effort and understands that what he thinks is only one point of view of the question and that any attempt of effectivity must admit the other points of view as well and try to make a synthesis of them all. You all work together harmoniously and happily forgetting your differences. . . ." The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Speaker who had taken so much trouble to meet our demands.

New Alipur : On 1st April, the monthly meeting commenced with reading by Mira Mukherjee from "Prayers and Meditations". Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, at the request of the members, introduced the subject "Ten Limbs of Yoga", which he had recently discussed at Sri Aurobindo Pathamandir, Calcutta. The term was used by Sri Aurobindo in his early days at Pondicherry. In his discussion Dr. Mukherjee stressed on the aim of human life. A man is not supposed to lead an animal life and his only object is to find out his own divinity. His thoughts and activities should be the means for the discovery. For this—Aspiration and opening to the higher force are the best methods. A few individuals must grow first to lift up the collective consciousness to change the present state of the Society.

The library activity of the Centre has been revitalised with some new young faces. The old members are happily cooperating with them.

Navarangpura : The Convenor Sri K.G. Patel was elected unanimously as Chairman of the Centre in the meeting held on 4.4.82. Out of 12 members 11 were present. Three invitees were also present.

During the inaugural address Sri K G. Patel gave information about the Centre and necessity for the transformation of the world society by outward and integral transformation. Sri Girishbhai Desai spoke on vedic culture and its realisation in life in this iron age. The meeting ended with group concentration and distribution of the blessings.

Rishra : On 10th January 1982 a one day special celebration was held at Rishra Boys' High School. More than 155 delegate members and learned invitees from the different Centres and organisations were present. The celebration commenced with flag hoisting by Dr. G.R. Mitra, opening song, a vedic hymn, by Smt. Amita Bose and the ceremonial rites of Mother and prayers read out by the General Secretary. Sri Deb Kumar Das welcomed all and read out the message of good will received from Sri A.B. Patel, General Secretary—World Union International Centre along with Mother's Blessings and the message from Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau, President, World Union National Centre-India. Sri Manik Chandra Das, M.A.B.T. presented the objectives of the celebration.

In the Seminar of 1st Session—Chairman, Dr. G.R. Mitra gave introduction and Sri Samar Basu and the participants, Sri Sujit Palit and Sri P.P. Bhattacharjee explained how any circumstance, situation or happening in any part of the world affects the peace and harmony of the human beings. The objectives of World Union Movement and Yoga of Sri Aurobindo were presented in such inspiring speech that every one got a very vivid idea of the theme. The role of the Regional Centre and Local Centres in West Bengal was presented in the speeches of the Chairman Dr. Arun Kumar Sil and all participants. The essentiality of more coordination and relation among all World Union Local Centres in West Bengal was emphasised and request was made to the Regional Centre West Bengal to take some concrete activities to spread the ideal among the people. World Union is a Movement as well as an Institution for self preparation with sufficient knowledge and higher consciousness.

In the last session on "Sri Aurobindo on Social Problems and their Solutions", the Chairman, Sri P. P. Bhattacharjee, in introduction — Dr. Arun Kumar Sil and participants — Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee and Sri Samar Bose, illustrated the problems facing the human society like racial discrimination, religious intolerance, social inequality, ideological conflicts and many other weaknesses and the solutions of the problems — to dissolve dualities by breaking down their cause and to exceed ego and be aware of one's real being, to possess real delight of being, the ultimate meaning of life by which man can achieve self-consciousness and can reach highest good. "Man must be saved to man, regardless of all distinction of race, creed, colour, nationality — status political or social advancement."

The celebration concluded with Sri D. N. Bhattacharjee's thanks to the Chairman and all participants for completion of a successful Seminar and celebration.

North Calcutta : (1) Monthly study Circle was held on second Saturday 13-3-82 at "New Dawn" Hall, 18 A Ramdhone Mittra Lane, Catcutta-700004, which Sri Sujit Kumar Palit conducted. He read "Mahakali" portion of "The Mother" by Sri Aurobindo and discussed

the salient features of this aspect of the Mother. He emphasised, in the system of integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo all the aspects and qualities of the Mother are inter-woven and the Sadhaka or aspirant should not lay more or less stress on particular one or other aspect, on the contrary he should endeavour to realise the truth integrally, as a whole.

(2) The 96th monthly meeting and the 8th anniversary of the Centre was befittingly celebrated on 20-3-82 at New Dawn. After devotional song by Smt. Anita Basu, group concentration for ten minutes and reading of hymns followed, Sri Sujit Kumar Palit announced the programme of the first zonal Seminar for 1982 organised by West Bengal Regional Centre to be held on 20th March 1982 at Kamarkundu. He welcomed Sri Samar Basu, Coordinator Eastern Region who was the guest speaker. Sri Palit stated that when the Centre was formed in 1974 Sri Samar Basu was in charge. He described how Sri Basu had carried on progressive activities and rendered selfless service to put the Centre on a very sound footing. He informed the gathering that Sri Basu was to leave for Pondicherry to settle there for good in the near future. This will give him a great chance to continue his services to World Union on a higher level as he was to join the World Union International Centre to render voluntary services. Sri Palit gave special tribute to Sri Basu and on behalf of all the members of the Centre wished him a bright future and increasingly useful services to World Union as well as WCPA.

Thereafter he requested Sri Basu to elucidate the idea of World Citizenship and also to speak on the subject of the evening—"Present contents of the World Union Movement". Before Sri Basu spoke Smt. Gayatri Naug sang a Tagore's song concerning Universal Consciousness. Sri Basu then delivered a thought provoking speech covering outline of the World Union Movement. He quoted from the writings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, particularly the Mother's unique analysis of three types of World Unionists, e.g. Activists, Idealist and Spiritual Guideliner. He emphasised the importance of Sri Aurobindo's book "The Ideal of Human Unity". In view of the changed conditions, after the Second World War Sri Aurobindo wrote the Postscript Chapter of the book which is specially notable. He analysed the present situation and expressed his trust that all can be changed if the God-touch is there and asked the members to have firm faith.

After the speech the Secretary once again expressed thanks and appreciation on behalf of the Centre. The meeting terminated after a concluding song by Smt. Anita Basu.

(3) On 21.3.82 (Sunday) a cultural programme was arranged at "New Dawn" at 7:00 P.M. Owing to certain reasons instead of the programme, Smt. Kheval Ghosh, Smt. Gayatri Naug (Both members of the Centre) and Sri Siddheswar Mukherjee (Guest Artist) offered their respective vocal music before the audience which was very much pleased with the performance.

Uttarpara : The 102nd monthly Seminar was held on the 13th March 1982 at the Library Hall of Amarendra Vidyapith at 5.30 P.M. when Sri N.B. Nandi presided. The subject

was "Harmony in Intellect and Emotion". Prof. Sankar Dutta of Rabindra Bharathi University and a new member of this Centre spoke on the subject. After group concentration with devotional song offered by Km. Bonani Das Gupta the Seminar started at about 5:40 P.M.

Prof. Dutta explained with graphs and diagrams drawn on the black board how reasoning power of man led him to the ultimate goal. He analysed the difference between Hegel's dialectical Idealism with Marx's dialectical Materialism and commented that both the theories sought for achieving the fulfilment of human life. He emphasised that Intellect moved through the road of reason while Emotion through the road of devotion or faith but both moved towards "Vignan or Knowledge". He spoke at length to justify his analysis by quoting relevant lines from the Bhagbat, the Ramayana and the Mahabarata and concluded saying that there must not be any quarrel between the Intellect and the Emotion—the two faculties of MIND which worked in their own sphere for the same purpose—that was to say, to lead man to his ultimate aim.

Sri Samar Basu spoke very briefly on the subject elucidating quotation from Sri Aurobindo's "Man—Slave or Free"—"But it is not only through the intellect that man rises. If the clarified intellect is not supported by the purified emotions, the intellect tends to be dominated once more by the body." Sri Basu also informed the members of the Notice of the Executive Committee meeting of the International Centre. With a vote of thanks to the Speakers and the Chair the Seminar ended at about 8:15 P.M.

New Centre :

Motibagh, New Delhi : This Centre was opened on 21st February 1982, on the auspicious day of the Birthday of the Mother under inspiration and guidance of Sri J.N. Puri, Secretary, World Union Delhi Centre. The Chairman is Sri S. Venugopal. The secretary is Sri R.K. Joshi and the address of the Centre is of the Secretary being: World Union Motibagh (New Delhi) Centre, 144/IV Shastri Niketan, North West Motibagh, New Delhi 110021.

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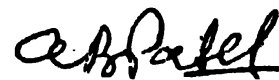
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General Secretary
April 22, 1982



WORLD UNION

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SAD DEMISE OF DR. KAMOOBEN PATEL

As we go to the press, we have just received a telephonic message from Bombay that Dr. Kamoooben Patel who had been hospitalised following an accidental fall, has passed away on May 18, 1982. This is a very heavy loss to the World Union family inasmuch as her contribution to the organisational side of the work was outstanding. During the past ten years of her association with us there was not a Conference in which she was not the spearhead. We condole with her family and pray for her peace.

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**BRIEF REPORTS OF WORLD UNION INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD AT "THE ASHRAM COTTAGE
GUEST HOUSE", PONDICHERRY on 23-4-82.**

(1) **WORLD UNION INTERNATIONAL:** The 23rd Annual Meeting was held at 8.30 A.M. Eleven members of the Executive Committee and 28 Invitees—Representatives of World Union Centres and others—were present. The meeting commenced with a brief meditation accompanied by Mother's music.

M.P. Pandit, the Chairman, made opening inspiring observations, full text of which appears in this journal issue. The absence of A.B. Patel due to his operation and of Dr. Kamooben Patel due to accidental fall were specially mentioned by him. The minutes of the 22nd Annual Meeting were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman. Arising out of the minutes, the meeting was informed about a recent letter from Ronald Jorgensen advising that he had collected about 1800 Quotations representing 40 countries (as against the target of 1000) and also sent out a circular to 121 other countries to give them opportunity to be included in the forthcoming book on "QUOTATIONS ON ONENESS".

Annual Report for 1981 and Audited Accounts for 1981 were circulated in the meeting and were unanimously approved.

The Rule No. 4C (i) was amended to read: "There shall be a Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen, a General Secretary & Treasurer, a Deputy General Secretary and an Assistant General Secretary whose functions shall be those usual to such offices unless otherwise directed by the Council." With reference to this, Samar Basu was appointed Deputy General Secretary of World Union International, Pondicherry and the designation of Surendra A. Patel was changed to Assistant General Secretary (deleting "Treasurer"). In view of this appointment, Samar Basu resigned from his two posts of Vice-Chairman and Coordinator and it was noted that he will finally arrive at Pondicherry on 24th May 1982 and that M P. Pandit and A.B. Patel will look after allotment of duties and any changes therein.

The Coordinators of World Union—Samar Basu, N.S. Amin, G.N. Sadhu, and Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal (resigned from December 1981) presented their respective reports. B. Krishna-swamy could not attend but a letter covering his report was read out.

Samar Basu gave some idea about the Provisional World Parliament to be held at Brighton (UK) in September 1982.

The authority given last year to Executive Committee Members living in Pondicherry to act in urgent matters was re-confirmed by a more explicit resolution. In the end at the suggestion of Smt. Kanama Ranga Rao all those present introduced themselves one by one.

The meeting also dealt with the following three subjects given under separate headings for ready reference:-

FOURTH WORLD COUNCIL: It was noted that the term of the Third World Council expires on 31st August 1982 and it was necessary to form the Fourth World Council for a period of six years beginning from 1st September 1982. For this purpose, proposed by Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana and seconded by Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau it was **RESOLVED** "THAT the Fourth World Council shall consist of 100 to 125 members to be selected or elected as under:-

- (i) Every National Centre will nominate members not exceeding six.
 - (ii) Every Regional Centre will nominate members not exceeding three.
 - (iii) Every Local World Union Centre with not less than twelve members will nominate one member and every local World Union Centre with not less than twenty-five members will nominate two members."
- and (iv) "THAT a Sub-Committee of three members, namely: M.P. Pandit, A.B. Patel and Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau is hereby appointed to select eminent persons (either World Union members or those who are contributing to the World Union Concept) from India and abroad for the World Council so as to complete the desired Number."

CELEBRATION OF WORLD UNION DAY—20th AUGUST 1982: Five subjects were proposed. The meeting gave authority to Sri M.P. Pandit and Sri A. B. Patel to consider and decide the subject for celebration out of the five subjects. Accordingly they have chosen the subject "LOVE & ONENESS" proposed by Dr. B.N. Baral.

(ALSO: Please see Announcement in this issue regarding the Essay Competition decided by the meeting).

SEVENTH TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE—BOMBAY-November 1982: N.S. Amin stated the provisional dates—from 25th to 28th November 1982—which were later confirmed and published in May 1982 Focus.

(2) NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: (2:30 PM).

Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau presided. After a minute of silent prayer the members stood in memory of Late Sri T.D. Naganna, a member of National Executive Committee and Ex. Mayor of Bangalore. The President gave special tribute to his qualities of head and heart. He referred to the absence of A. B. Patel and Dr. Kamooben Patel with regrets. He stressed the importance of close cooperation and coordination between various World Union Centres in India and the National Centre-India for effective functionings.

Minutes of the First National Executive Meeting were confirmed. It was decided to bring the following two clauses to the attention of all Regional/State and Local Centres in India:-

(1) The relevant clauses 4 objects sub-clause (c) which reads 'A National Centre will undertake the duty of forming Regional or State Centres. Each Regional or State World Union Centre must enrol atleast 10 members for its formation and must be recognised by the National Centre, information of which shall be given to the World Union International Centre at Pondicherry giving the Centre's address and the names and addresses of its Office-bearers.'

(2) Clause 4 Sub-Clause (d) which reads 'Each Regional and State Centre will undertake the duty to organise Local Centres in its area with atleast five members enrolled for each Local Centre. Each Local Centre must be recognised by its Regional or State Centres, information of which shall be given to the National Centre concerned as well as to the World Union-International Centre at Pondicherry giving the address, of each Local Centre and the names and address of its Office-Bearers.'

The ways and means of implementing the recommendations of the January 1982 Annual Meeting and the "World Union and Bradt Report" were considered.

The amendments to constitution circulated earlier were passed with minor changes.

It was decided to hold the next Central Council and Executive Committee Meetings at Bombay during November 1982 at the venue of the World Union Triennial Conference. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana.

ANNOUNCEMENT—OPEN ESSAY COMPETITION For World Union Day Celebration – 20th August, 1982

At the instance of West Bengal Regional Centre and approved by the Executive Committee Meeting on 23-4-82, an essay on the subject: "TRUE UNION OF NATION STATES—PRESUPPOSES WORLD UNION" is invited from persons from India and abroad interested in the World Union Movement.

The entries should reach the following address on or before 20th August 1982.

The Editor
World Union
PONDICHERRY 605002
(India)

Sri M.P. Pandit will be the Judge along with any assistant of his choice—if necessary.

A total cash award of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) will be awarded to the best essayist. Sri M. P. Pandit's ruling will be final. (Rs. 500.00 for the award will be contributed by the West Bengal Regional Centre and Rs. 500.00 by the World Union International, Pondicherry).

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

Note on Reports: In view of a number of reasons including increased paper and printing costs and under guidance and approval of Sri M.P. Pandit and Sri A.B. Patel we are obliged to publish all reports in brief only. However, we hope that this will not reduce the enthusiasm of the members and Centres to keep working progressively for the World Union Movement.

World Union Centres:

Alambazar: (1) In the meeting on 28.3.82, Sri Samar Basu, Coordinator gave a talk on "What and Why is the World Union". The programme included devotional songs,

meditation and a brief history of Alambazar Centre by the Secretary as well as information regarding the Executive Committee Meeting to be held on 23.4.82 at Pondicherry. Sri Basu's speech lasted for one and half hour and created considerable interest and enthusiasm.

(2) In the meeting on 4.4.82, routine matters were discussed.

Bombay : During the second half of April 1982 World Union Bombay Khar and Sion Centres and Sri Aurobindo Pedder Road Centre Sangam jointly invited Dr. Sanat Kumar Dixit of Sri Aurobindo Ashram for consultation and demonstration of "Perfect Eye Sight by Nature Cure" at the residence of Smt. Suvarnaben Shukla who also assisted him in demonstrating the methods. The consultation session was for four days and about 200 persons took advantage of the same. The programmes included lectures, a slide show and practical demonstration by Dr. Dixit and Smt. Suvarnaben. Sri Amin informed the members about the weekly sessions which are held on every Tuesday between 4.30 P.M. to 6.30 P.M. at Smt. Suvarnaben's address—being: 102 Sangam, Peddar Road, Bombay 400026.

Bally : The meeting on 14.2.82 included chanting of vedic mantra by Sri Karunamoy Chatterjee and devotional songs by Kumari Manjusree Sarkhel. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee stressed the importance of Yogic attitude in the World Union Movement. He gave a series of talks on this subject presenting Sri Aurobindo's contention that the yoga is the only solution for all the human problems. He also answered a question regarding psychic and divine life as opposed to self-interested human love.

Bidhan Nagar : As decided in February 1982 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee was present, the Upanishads Class is being conducted. The first class was held on 7.3.82 when Prof. Chakraborty read a paper on the subject. Sri Santosh Bose spoke on "Kathopanishad" which he has translated in Bengali verse. Smt. Bansree Roy Chowdhuri sang a devotion song and Rashmony Banerji gave an introductory talk.

The second sitting was held on 21.3.82 when the programme included devotional songs, a talk on "Sri Aurobindo and Upanishads" by Sri Rashmony Banerjee and a talk on Sri Aurobindo's theory of Evolution by Prof. Somnath Chakraborty. Sri Santosh Ghose continued his discourse on Kathopanishad. His discourse continued in the third sitting on 11.4.82. Also there were a few devotional songs by Smt. Bansree Roy Chowdhury. Sri Rashmony Banerjee spoke on impact of Sri Aurobindo's yoga on daily life.

Bon-Hooghly : In the meeting on 14.4.82 Sri Hiranmoy Ghose of National Library, Calcutta discussed Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga and Dr. B. Bhattacharya spoke on the World Union Movement as visualised in Sri Aurobindo's "Ideal of Human Unity". Sri P.P. Bhattacharya the Chief Guest talked about spiritual fusion of East and West with reference to Swami Vivekananda's visit to America in 1893. Sri Manindra Goswami explained Sri Aurobindo's spirituality as universal, non-communal and a world-transforming force. Devotional songs were presented by students of Sri Ramakrishna Sangeet Vidyalaya.

Calcutta North Suburban : In the fortnightly meeting on 11.4.82, Dr. J.C. Das

gave a talk on "Earth's Savitri-Godhead and Women" quoting profusely from Savitri. Dr. Das showed that Savitri was an Avatar in human form come down to fulfil the divine mission on earth, to bring perfection to the earth and to settle the issue between death and immortality.

Chakradharpur: The Mother's final arrival day was celebrated in a two-days programme on 24th and 25th April 1982 at Sri Aurobindo Society Centre in collaboration with the Society Members.

On 24th the morning programme included the Mother's flag hoisting, group concentration, salutation, reading from the book "The Mother", devotional songs and a group meditation for 10 minutes. The evening programme included a talk by Sri Pitwas Pradhan, Principal, Asanbani College on "Final Realisation" and readings from Sri Aurobindo's books.

The programme on 25.5.82 included reading in Hindi from "Prathna aur Dhyana" by Asoke Kumar Patel and an inspiring speech by the Guest Speaker Sri Nirmal Chandra Sahu on "March Forward" based on Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's vision. Devotional songs were presented by Sri S.K. Roy, Smt. Banerjee and Sri P. Chakraborty.

Karimnagar: In the fourth meeting held on 1.4.82, the members gave farewell to Sri V.R. Krishna Rao, the founder President of the Centre who was being transferred to Hyderabad. Sri Krishna Rao talked on the ideal of World Union and Sri Aurobindo. He also shared sentiments with the members. His devotion and many services were put on record. Thereafter, Smt. P. Parvathi, Principal, Govt. Degree College for Women was elected as the New President. She spoke on peculiarities of philosophers and the sages who tried to uplift the mankind.

Mahes: Although this Centre was formed only recently, because of the backing of Sri Aurobindo Pathchakra, it has started activities immediately on a large scale. On 1st May 1982 it presented a one act play "Uttaran" composed by Sri Samar Basu at Manindra Manch, Serampore. The whole programme was very successfully presented and attended by large number of prominent citizens. Sri Manick C. Das, the Chairman of the Centre gave a very interesting and appropriate introductory speech.

New Alipur: In the monthly meeting on 6.5.82, Rabindra Jayanthi was celebrated by Junior Section e. g. Barnali and Sandip Nag with music and recitation from Rabindranath, as well as duet music by Tanuja and Mira Mukherjee. After introduction by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Sri D.M. Gupta, I.A.S. (Retd.) commenced a series of talks on literary aspects of Sri Aurobindo. He narrated the story of Sri Aurobindo's drama "Perseus the Deliverer" in a very interesting way, presenting the relevant aspects of Greek history and mythology as well as the background of the drama.

North Calcutta: (1) On 10.4.82 the monthly Study Circle was held. Sri Sujit Kumar Palit continued his class on Sri Aurobindo's "The Mother". Among the various important aspects he mentioned that this book contained in a nut shell all the necessary and important steps for realising the highest goal. He also dealt with the Chapter on "Mahalakshmi" which aspect is connected with Harmony and Beauty.

(2) On 20.4.82 the 97th monthly meeting was held. This included devotional songs, reading of hymns and group concentration. The Guest Speaker Sri Satya Bose gave a very interesting and inspiring talk on "Sadhana of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and Organizational Works". Sri Bose has been working as the Secretary of Sri Aurobindo Path Mandir, Calcutta and could present the subject in a gripping way as a devotee as well as a scholar with appropriate quotations. Smt. Gayatri Nag sang a devotional song at the end.

Rishra: (1) In the monthly meeting on 18.3.82, after meditation, Sri Samar Basu spoke on "The Human Cycle". The talk was enlightening and brought out the deeper significance related with the higher goal of human life.

(2) In the meeting on 30-4-82 at the residence of Sri K. P. Datta, Sri Samar Basu was given a hearty farewell. The programme included prayers, group concentration and a warm farewell address by Sri Deb Kumar Das. Sri Samar Basu responded with a short speech covering his thanks as well as ways and means to implement the ideal of World Union.

Salt Lake: (1) The tenth monthly meeting was held on 10-4-82. This included an opening song by Smt. Mira Chaki and Sri Bidhan Kr. Chaki followed by group meditation. Dr. R. K. De, the Chairman briefly discussed Sri Aurobindo's "Integral Yoga" which is the means for attaining Divine Life on Earth.

(2) The 11th monthly meeting was held on 8-5-82 when Sri P. P. Bhattacharya (Baranagore Centre). Dr. Basudeb Bhattacharya (Bon-Hooghly Centre) and Sri Ananda were present. After Group meditation Smt. Anjali Roy, the Secretary presented some details regarding the Executive Committee Meeting held on 23-4-82 at Pondicherry which she had attended. Sri P. P. Bhattacharya spoke briefly on the "Vedic Philosophy". Smt. Anusua Das Gupta sang a concluding song.

Sodepur: The monthly meeting was held on 10-4-82 at the residence of Smt. Lila Guha who presided over the function. A number of important topics were discussed. Also a number of suggestions were made by various members for programmes in May and June. A meeting was to be held on 1-5-82 to consider celebrating "BARSHA BARAN" and "RABINDRA JAYANTI". It was also decided to have regular sessions on Sri Aurobindo's "The Ideal of Human Unity" and "The Human Cycle".

New Centre :

Mahes: This New Centre was formed in April 1982 under Sri Samar Basu's inspiration and guidance. It is supported by Sri Aurobindo Pathchakra (Estd. 1972)—an active organisation—whose active and enthusiastic organiser Sri Manick C. Das is the Chairman of the New Centre. Sri Swapan Mukherjee is the Secretary. The address of the Centre is that of the Chairmen, being: World Union Mahes Centre, 342 G. T. Road, Mahes Khatir Bazar, P. O. RISHRA, Dt: Hooghly, West Bengal.

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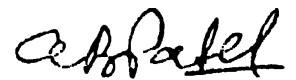
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UNITY AND PEACE

For realising inner growth, an individual has to establish, in the first instance, peace in one's heart and has to endeavour to unify various parts of one's being, which are normally in contradiction with each other. Similarly for the realisation of a New Age by taking a next evolutionary step, humanity has to establish peace in the world and has to endeavour to promote human unity. For the purpose, arms race must stop and disarmament must become a reality in earth's life. Undeveloped countries must resist the temptation of arming themselves when the poor in their countries die of hunger. It is really an utter shame for the international community to permit squandering of materials and earth's resources for arms, armies and wars when millions die of hunger, disease and malnutrition.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Forum for World Peace:

Dr. D. D. Jadeja, Secretary of the Forum for World Peace, conducted under the auspices of Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, has sent a report dated 8-6-82 which reads:

"World Union" is a non-profit, charitable movement for human unity and world peace and progress based on a spiritual foundation. Its headquarter is at Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry.

"Forum for World Peace" was established at Sardar Patel University as a branch of "World Union". It was inaugurated by Shri M. P. Pandit, Chairman, World Union, during March 1979. It is entirely funded by "World Union".

Forum for World Peace has been started at Sardar Patel University in order to encourage thinking and writing on the theme of Peace—individual and collective. It is to consist of such students, teachers and citizens as are drawn to the concept of Peace. They form themselves into study groups and undertake to study worthwhile writings on the subject e. g. Sri Aurobindo, Gandhiji, Tolstoy, Tagore, Bertrand Russel etc. The main idea is to promote understanding, collaboration and unity of hearts. An undertaking to work for

Peace, each in his area, is enough to qualify for membership. No membership is charged.

The Vice-Chancellor, as President, has nominated Dr. Dilavarsinh Jadeja, Principal, Nalini-Arvind and T. V. Patel Arts College, Vallabh Vidyanagar, as the Secretary of "Forum for World Peace".

The following activities were undertaken by the Forum during its third year of inception (1981-82):-

Sl. No.	Speaker	Subject	Date
1.	Prin. Yashwant Shukla	Love & Unity	26-6-81
2.	Dr. Harbans B. Patel	Political goings on in Africa with Special Reference to Uganda	24-7-81
3.	Shri Sundaram	Sri Aurobindo's Yoga	6-9-81
4.	Shri S. V. Vaishnav Dr. D. S. Mishra Dr. D. D. Jadeja Sri Ratilal Shah (advocate)	Seminar on Sri Aurobindo's book "THE HUMAN CYCLE" [Chapters 21, 22 & 23.]	13-9-81
5.	Dr. Randhir Upadhyaya	All Life is Yoga	12-10-81
6.	Dr. H. Maheshwari	Practical Life & Yoga	18-11-81
7.	Shri Sundaram	on "Savitri"	29-11-81
8.	Shri Utsavabhai Parikh	Informal talk on Sri Aurobindo's Yoga	22-12-81
9.	Shri Rohit Mehta	Sri Aurobindo On Education	12-2-82
10.	Shri Rohit Mehta & Smt. Shridevi Mehta	Musical Discourse on Saints of India	13-2-82
11.	Vimalatai Thakar	Meditative Way	3-3-82 (Jt. auspices of Charutar Vidya Mandal)
12.	Sri A. B. Patel	Sri Aurobindo's Vision of World Unity	6-3-82

World Truce Day and the Special Session of General Assembly of the U. N. O. for Disarmament:

(1) World Union Delhi Centre: This Centre in collaboration with local organizations named World Citizens Assembly, Indian Housewives' Federation and National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's of India celebrated the World Truce Day on the 7th June 1982 to mark the opening of the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Disarmament at New York, Shri P. K. Thungan, Hon'ble Deputy Minister for Education and Culture presiding. The function was held at the premises of the Bahai's house.

Originally it was planned to hold this function by Smt. Savitri Nigam and Sri J. N. Puri jointly. But Smt. Savitri Nigam had left for New York to participate in the Disarmament Conference there.

The Speakers of the occasion were Sri S. K. De, Representative of Quakers' International, Sri Sheriar, a Representative of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's. The keynote address was delivered by the Hon'ble Deputy Minister for Education and Culture. Sri S. K. De identified the areas in the world today where arms struggle was going on. Quoting from the U N. Charter he explained the vigorous efforts of various agencies to bring about Disarmament, but he emphasised that although different governments were investing vast sums of money on defence establishment stock-piling up arms, they were not able to buy security and insecurity prevailed everywhere.

Sri Sheriar, while agreeing that the arms stockpile posed an immediate danger to the world, submitted that Disarmament was not the only problem facing the world. He submitted that the world generally suffered from many ailments of which arms build up was one of the symptoms.

Shri P. K. Thungan stated, during the course of his speech, that the world public opinion is increasingly veering round the view that survival of mankind largely depends on the maintenance of peace on earth. He expressed a concern of the world community about the stockpiling of atomic weapons. He emphasised that lasting world peace in the nuclear age can only be built on the achievement of Disarmament and a just international economic order. He appreciated the efforts of the organizers of the meeting to achieve world disarmament and stated that this should become a World Movement. He affirmed that education should and could play an important role in this process. He stressed that the Education Ministry was continuously working towards the development of an indigenous system of education to meet the needs of India. He affirmed that there could be no fixed system or curriculum for all times and it required constant monitoring and improvement. Before the meeting dispersed a prayer was recited for the success of the U. N. General Assembly and for the unity of all nations and a vote of thanks was proposed. Thereafter all the participants were extended an invitation for light refreshment which was served by the hosts, the Bahais'. It was a very successful function in every respect.

2) World Union Pondicherry: At a meeting held in the evening of Sunday, the 6th June 1982, at the residence of Sri M. P. Pandit, Chairman, 'World Union, he explained the significance of the World Truce Day and Disarmament General Assembly of the U. N. O. and at the end of the meeting those present prayed for peace in the world.

Progress Report regarding 7th Triennial Conference at Bombay during 25th to 27th November 1982

Grant of Rail Concession has been received, but this time Railway Authority allows one and a half fare for double journey (and not single fare double journey as before). All communications in this connection have to be made direct to Shri N. S. Amin, 6 Rajmayur, 19th Road, Khar Bombay 400052.

Kamooben Patel (Deceased):

Several communications have been received by World Union and/or by its Office-bearers from World Union Centres and Members expressing sadness at the premature and untimely demise of Dr. Kamooben Patel at Bombay on the 18th May 1982. The communications refer to the services rendered by Kamooben Patel to World Union and express that her passing away is a great loss to the World Union Movement. The members of the World Union Bangalore Centre passed a resolution on 20-5-82 deeply mourning the sad and untimely demise of Dr. Kamooben Patel and expressing their feeling that a sincere friend and sincere sister has been snatched from their midst. They prayed to the Divine to grant peace and guide the soul of the departed in the further march and progress.

The meeting of the members of various World Union Centres in Bombay passed a resolution on 22-5-82 expressing profound sense of grief at the sad and untimely demise of Dr. Kamooben Patel who was acting as an International Coordinator of World Union. The resolution referred to the dynamism of the deceased in organising World Union activities. She was more or less a roving Ambassador of World Union. She had dedicated her life for furthering the ideals of human unity and world peace through World Union and thus served one of the aims of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother for the realisation of human unity and world peace. The resolution contained a prayer to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother to grant peace to the departed soul.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

West Bengal Regional Centre: Organised its first special Seminar of 1982 on the 28th March 1982 at Gopalnagar Saraswat Pathagar, under the auspices of Kamarkundu Centre. Sri Manick Chandra Das, M.A , B T., presided and Sri Samar Basu spoke on "Five Dreams of Sri Aurobindo".

Bhandarhati: (a) In celebrating the *Darshan Day* of 24th April in a befitting manner, Sri Purna Chandra Auddy, Chairman explained the significance of the day in a meeting held on 24-4-82.

(b) In the meeting on 12-5-82 the Centre celebrated the birth anniversary of Rabindranath.

Calcutta North Suburban: In the fortnightly meeting held on 9-5-82 "Rabindra Jayanti" was observed when Dr. Arun Sil, Chairman, Regional Centre, West Bengal, spoke on Rabindranath and Sri Aurobindo. Dr. Sil, emphasised that in the context of present situation of the world, Tagore was as optimistic as Sri Aurobindo; both were Seers and both visioned that the crisis of civilization would be over and mankind would go forward to its divine future.

Mysore: In its 17th monthly meeting held on 29-5-82 under the Chairmanship of Sri B. V. Balasubrahmanyam, Dr. M. A. Hafeez, Consultant Psychiatrist and Neurologist, a senior member of World Union delivered a talk on "Human Body" supported by a highly illustrative slides-show - and gave a graphic account of the 'Body' - which he remarked is a Temple of God. He gave a vivid description of the heart and its function and stated that the whole world lay within a human body. He concluded advising on "Diet" to keep a healthy body. Then the Chairman informed the members of the Provisional World Parliament to be held at Brighton (UK) from the 4th to 17th September 1982.

New Alipur: In the monthly meeting held on the 3rd June 1982, Smt. Mira Mukherjee read out from Elements of Yoga the portion relating to "Faith, Belief and Confidence". Then Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee read out a passage written by the Mother on the 7th May 1912 from 'Words of Long Ago' in which she explained - "What is the most useful work to be done at the present moment". Thereafter, Dr. Mukherjee discussed the outline of meditation in short.

Raghunathpur: In a well arranged open meeting on 1-5-82 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the significance of 'May Divas' at the outset and then spoke on how Sri Aurobindo organised revolutionary group to bring an end to the British Administration in India. He also explained Sri Aurobindo's deep reverence to Rabindranath and Bankim Chandra. He concluded elucidating the significance of 24th April.

Uttarpara: On the 104th monthly meeting this Centre along with the members of Baranagar, Bally and Raghunathpur Centres gave a befitting ovation to Samar Basu, on the eve of his departure to Pondicherry. Sri S. K. Gupta, Sri Prodosh Kusum Mukherjee, Sri H.K. Banerjee, Prof. Santanu Roy, Km. Shampa Bhattacharya and others spoke on the occasion. In response Sri Basu depicted the history of World Union Movement in West Bengal since 1974 and its relation with Uttarpara Centre.

[N.B. The address of World Union Uttarpara Centre is 132A Bireswar Banerjee Street, P.O. BHADRAKALI 712232, Dt: Hooghly, West Bengal, C/o Sri S.K. Gupta—Vice-Chairman.]

Moti Bagh New Delhi: A special meeting was organized for the inauguration of the Centre when Sri S. K. De of Quakers' International was the Chief Guest. Sri R. K. Joshi,

the General Secretary of the Centre, welcomed the members and dwelt on the theme of "Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam". Thereafter he made observations which were constructive and inspiring. He said that peace cannot be termed as mere absence of war and until the lot of the two-third population of the world, now growing under the weight of inflation, unemployment, under-employment, inequalities in income, rural miseries and exploitation of have-nots improves, there could not be real peace. Sri S K. De, as the Chief Guest, gave guidelines to the workers of the Centre. He said that it was easy to discuss world issues over a cup of tea or coffee because it did not affect us. They should rather be discussed with a view to find out solutions. He drew attention of the audience that unity of purpose reflected in unity of action. Shri Venugopalan, the Chairman of the meeting, eulogised the thought provoking discourse of the Chief Guest and dwelt briefly on the concept of human values. It was decided that the members should meet at least once in a month and discuss the various problems confronting us and the world.

APPEAL TO CENTRES AND MEMBERS

In course of carrying out day-to-day business we are experiencing so many difficulties which we must get rid of. For this purpose what we suggest are given below for your serious consideration and approval. We need your active cooperation in every step of our onward movement.

(a) **Enrolment of New Members:** New members are to be enrolled twice a year—in January and July. This will facilitate in pursuing renewals more effectively. Persons intending to become members in any intermediary month should write prior to enrolment to this office to know in which month he/she may be accommodated—according to the availability of Journal/Focus in our stock. Then he/she is to remit membership fee.

(b) **Renewal Notice:** Henceforward Renewal Notice cannot be served to each individual member because of heavy increase in postage rates. Renewal Notices will be served through Journal/Focus. Only Secretaries/Presidents/Chairmen of Local Centres will be served Renewal Notices in respect of their members. Each Centre is expected to maintain its Membership Register and determine renewal months of their members and get the same confirmed by this Office—in case any discrepancy arises.

(c) **Remittances:** Due to abnormal delay in encashing out-station cheques which entails accounting complication in reconciling bank with cash balances Centres should see that membership fees are remitted either by M.O. or in Draft as far as possible. Cheques above Rs. 50.00 may be acceptable. In case of renewals and other correspondences Centres should invariably mention the "SUBSCRIBER NUMBER" to enable this Office to take immediate action on the matter.

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THE FATE OF MANKIND

In the light of these facts, the answer to humanity's problem today is simple enough. It requires nothing less than the creation of world government to which every person as well as every nation would owe the highest allegiance . . . this is the only possible way by which mankind can now save itself from self-destruction.

Prof. Paul A. Schilpp wrote in 1951 in an essay after making analysis of nuclear catastrophe.

Too long we have been wandering in the wilderness of protest, while the means for universal destruction have multiplied each year. We cannot wait for national governments to respond to protests nor depend on them to do what is necessary. IT IS TIME FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SURVIVE TO TAKE CHARGE OF WORLD AFFAIRS.

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TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Provisional World Parliament at Brighton:

A preliminary list of Honorary Sponsors of the Provisional World Parliament was published in the June 1982 Focus. Now we publish a supplementary list of Honorary Sponsors of the Provisional World Parliament:

Justice Zvi BAR-NIV, Israel, Judge and President of the National Labour Court.

Dennis BRUTUS, South Africa, refugee in U.S.A., Educator and Poet; Dir. World Campaign for Release of S. African Political Prisoners; Chrmn. Int. Campaign Against Racism

in Sport; Founding Chrmn. African Literature Assn.; V. Pres. Union of Writers of the African People; visiting professor at various USA universities, now at Amherst; freedom writer award.

Prof. Suri BHAGAVANTAM, India; Prof. Physics; was Principal Andhra Univ.; V. Chancellor of Osmania Univ., 52-57; Dir., Indian Inst. Science at Bangalore, 57-62; Pres. Cttee on Science and Technology in Developing Countries (COSTED), 72—; V. Pres. Int. Union of Pure and Applied Physics.

Prof. Saburi Oladeni BIOBAKU, Nigeria; Director, Inst. African Studies, Univ. Ibadan 76—; was Pro. V. Chancellor, Univ. Ife, 61-65; V. Chancellor Univ. Lagos 65-72; Chrmn. Cttee of Vice Chancellors 67-70; Pres. Historical Society of Nigeria, 68-71.

Dr. A. H. BOERMA, Netherlands; Director General of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the U.N. from 1968—76; Dir. Economic Div. FAO, 51-58; Asst. Dir. Gen. FAO 60-67; Exec. Dir. World Food Program of FAO 68-62.

Fr. Phil BOSMANS, Belgium; Priest, Social Counsellor, Author of best seller "Give Happiness a Chance".

Chief Mangosuthu Gatsha BUTHELEZI, Kwazulu, South Africa; Chief Minister of Kwazulu; leader of all the Zulus—about 5,000,000; Leader of S. Africa Black Alliance.

Hitendra DESAI, India; was Union Minister Works and Housing 76-77; Minister of Commerce and Civil Supplies 79-80; before that member Bombay Legislative Assn 57-60; Min. of Education, Bombay 57-60; Pres. Gujarat Pradesh Congress Cttee 75—; Member of Lok Sabha from Gujarat, 1977.

Ahmed DINI, Djibouti; was Pres. Territorial Assembly of French Somaliland, now Republic of Djibouti, 59-60; Minister of Production 63-64; of Interior 67-72; Pres. Nat. Assembly of Djibouti, 1977, also Prime Minister in 1977.

Ibrahim ELIAS, Sudan; businessman, former Cabinet Minister; with Ministry of Commerce 49-56; Asst. Under Secy Ministry of Econ. 65-69; Ministry of Treasury 79—; Asst. Man. Dir. Sudan Industrial Bank 63-65; Chrmn. and Man. Dir. Sudan Investment Co. 74—; Chrmn. El Nilein Bank 74-76.

A. F. M. ABUL FATEH, Bangladesh; Dir. Ministry Foreign Affairs, Karachi 61-65; Foreign Secy. Bangladesh, 1972; Ambassador to Iraq, 71, to France and Spain 72-75, and to Algeria since 1979; was High Commissioner in U.K. 76-79.

Antonio FONSECA PIMENTEL, Brazil; Dir.-Gen. Brazilian Civil Service 61-63; Asst. Dir. Personnel and Management F.A.O. 66-69; Asst. Head, Civil Staff of Presidency of Brazil 69-71; Member U.N. Int. Civil Service Comm. 75—; Author, "Democratic World Government and the United Nations", also "Administracao Internacional de Recursos Humanos".

Prof. Risieri FRONDIZI, Argentina; Prof. Philosophy, Univ. National de Tucuman 38-46; Prof. Ethics, Univ. de Buenos Aires, 55-66; Rector Univ. de Buenos Aires, 57-62; Prof. Philosophy at Southern Illinois Univ. 1970—; Visiting Prof. at various USA universities, also Venezuela; Pres. Inter-American Union of Latin American Univ. 59-62.

Judge Amar Nath GROVER, India; Judge, High Court of Punjab 57-68; Judge, Supreme Court of India 68-73; Chrmn. Finance Cttee Indian Br. Int. Law Assn; Chrmn. Press Council of India 79—.

Dr. Malecki IGNACY, Poland; Director, Inst. of Fundamental Technical Problems, Polish Academy of Sciences 53 to 62, and 1973 onwards; V. Pres. Int. Council of Scientific Unions

63-70; Chrmn. Polish Nat. Pugwash Cttee, 64—; V. Chrmn Polish Cttee for UNESCO; Dir. Dept of Sciences and Promotion of Basic Science UNESCO, 69-72; State Prize 1953 and 1966, other prizes.

Dr. George IGNATIEFF, Canada; Chancellor, Univ. of Toronto; former Ambassador to U.N. from 46-49 and 66-68; Rep. of Canada on 18 nation disarmament cttee, Geneva, 68-72; Amb. to Yugoslavia, 56-58; Asst. Under-Sec, Dept. External Affairs 60-62.

Maria KUNCEWICZOWA, Poland; writer and professor; author many books translated in English, Italian, French, German, etc.; lives in Italy and U.S.A. as well as Poland; Warsaw Literary Prize, and State Prize 1st Class; founder of Center for Writers in Exile.

Prof. James KIRKUP, British Poet and Professor, lives most of the time in Japan; Prof. English Literature at Kyoto Univ. of Foreign Studies 1977—; previously Professor at several universities in England, Japan, U.S.A.; author many books of poetry, novels, plays, travel, e.g.: "The Cosmic Shape", "Portrait of a Planet", "Poems of Peace and War". Japan PEN prize 1965.

Mochtar LUBIS, Indonesia; Publisher and Editor of Daily Indonesian Raya, 1949—61, and 1966; Publisher and Editor The Times of Indonesia. Arrested Feb. 75, now free again; Magsasay Award for the Press 1958; Golden Pen of Freedom award, Int. Fed. of Publishers, 1967.

Dr. Hans Olaf LUNSTROM, Sweden; Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) since 1979; previous Head of Sec. for Dev. Assistance of Swedish Ministry of Finance 62-64; Head of International Secretariat 65-66; Under. Sec. of State for Economic Affairs 67-68, and for Ministry of Industry 69-72; Dep. Gov. Bank of Sweden 73-79.

Paul MALEKOU, Gabon; was Minister of Labor and Social Affairs 64-65; Minister of Education, Youth and Sports 65-68; of Public Works and Transport 68-70; of Housing and Urbanism 70-74; Dir. Gen. de l'Agence pour la Securite Aerienne en Afrique et a Madagascar" beginning 1974; now living in Senegal.

Mustafa MEDANI, Sudan; with Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1958, now Ambassador of Sudan to Fed. Republic of Germany; was Ambassador to U.N. 74-78; Ambassador to Lebanon, Syria, Jordan 65-69; to Czech. and Hungary 69-71; to Ethiopia 72-74; Head of del. to U.N. Conf. on Human Rights 1967; to foreign ministers conf. O.A.U. 74.

Dr. Zhores A. MEDVEDEV, U.S.S.R. (now stateless, living in U.K.); distinguished scientist of USSR; Senior Scientist at Timiriazev Academy 51-62; Head of Lab of Molecular Radiobiology at Inst. of Medical Radiobiology 63-69; Senior Scientist All Union Scientific Research Inst. 70-72; now with Nat. Inst. for Medical Research, London, since 1973; Author "Soviet Science", and books with Roy Medvedev, "Kruschev—The Years in Power", "The Medvedev Papers", others.

Mrs. Leela Damodhra MENON, India; former M.P., and former mem. Human Rights Commission of the U.N.; V. Pres., All India Women's Conference.

Jules MOCH, France; Deputy to National Assembly 46—58, and 62-67; Minister of Public Works in four Cabinets after second World War; V. Prime Min. 47-50; Perm. Delegate to U.N. Disarmament Committee at Geneva 53-60.

Odvar NORDLI, Norway; recent Prime Minister, from 1976 to 1981; now President of

the Storting (Parliament); Member of Storting since 61; Minister of Labor and Municipal Affairs 71-72; Leader of Parliamentary Labor Party 73-76;

Hon. Charles D. ONYEAMA, Nigeria; former Judge of International Court of Justice, 67-76; previously Mem. Legislative Council of Nigeria and Eastern House of Assembly 46-51; on Com. t. drafting comm. 48-50; Chief Magistrate of Nigeria 52-58; High Ct. Judge, Lagos 57-64; Acting Chief Justice 61 and 63; Justice of Supreme Ct. of Nigeria 64-66.

Prof. Arvid PARDO, Malta and U.S.A.; Perm. Rep. of Malta to U.N. 65-71, and originator of concept of oceans and seabeds as "common heritage of mankind", the original proposal that started the "law of the seas" conferences; was Ambassador to USA and USSR and High Commissioner to Canada; now Prof. of Ocean Law and Policy, Univ. So. Calif. at L.A.; was Maltese Representative to U.N. for Ocean Affairs 1975 —.

Dr. Linus PAULING, U.S.A., Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, 1954; Nobel Laureate for Peace in 1962; Lenin Prize 1970.

Anwar Iqbal QUERESHI, Pakistan; Economist; Economic Advisor to Govt of Pakistan 47-51 and 61-62; Economic Advisor to International Monetary Fund 51-55, to Saudi Arabia 55-59; Pres. Pakistan Economic Assn.; Mem. Council for Economic Advisory Affairs Govt Pakistan 75 —; many books on economics, economic development.

Ven. Prof. Dr. Walpala RAHULA, Chancellor, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.

Dr. G. N. RAMACHANDRAN, India; Distinguished Scientist; Prof. and Head Dept. Physics, Univ. Madras 52-70; Dean, Faculty of Sciences 64-67; Prof. Biophysics, Indian Inst. Science 70-77; Prof. Mathematical Biology 78—; V. Pres. Indian Academy of Sciences 62-64; Editor, Journal of Indian Institute of Science 73—.

Dr. V. K. R. V. RAO, India, was V. Chancellor of Delhi Univ. 57-60; Union Cabinet Minister for Transport and Shipping 67-69; Minister for Education & Youth Services 69-71; Member Parliament 67-77; founder and Director, Delhi School of Economics (49-57), of Institute of Economic Growth 60-63, and of Institute for Social and Economic Change 72-77; author many books on economic development and planning.

Dr. Paul E. SANTORINI, Greece; Scientist, engineer, and Prof. Physics; Author: "Philosophical Considerations in Connection with the Emergence of the Universe", "The Multiple Successive Small Bangs Theory of the Universe", "Life in the Universe", "Evolution of the Universe". Dir. Athens Construction Co. 22-30; Dir. Dept. Hydrometry Ministry of Agric. 30-46; Dir. Experimental Physics Lab of Nat. Technical Univ. Athens 46-64; Chief govt. delegate numerous scientific congresses; Hon. Pres. 7th International Congress of Philosophy, Nice, 1969—.

Prof. Margaret SCHLAUCH, Poland (born in USA); Prof. Philology, N.Y. Univ. 1927-51; Prof. of English Philology, Warsaw Univ. 51-68, now Emeritus; Chrmn. Dept. 53-68; Corres. Mem. Polish Academy of Sciences; author several books on languages.

Jakob V. UEXKULL, Isles of Man; Executive Trustee of The Right Livelihood Foundation.

All Inclusive Tour to UK to attend the Provisional World Parliament:

Shri Sunil Paul, a Life Member of World Union, writes to us on behalf of the Manager.

Awake and Alert Tours and Travel, 79-G Connaught Circus, New Delhi 110001 that in connection with the first session of the Provisional Parliament to be held at Brighton from the 4th to the 17th September this year, he is glad to offer, at a bargain price, all inclusive tour to UK.

He has sent to us full detailed information of the possibilities of excursions to Europe for which there will be an extra cost. His scheme is workable provided there are 15 persons ready to take advantage of his offer. Anyone interested to go to UK for Provisional World Parliament should immediately write to Shri Sunil Paul C/o Awake and Alert Tours and Travel for obtaining detailed information.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED in the second meeting of the members of the Executive Committee residing in Pondicherry on 11-7-82:

1. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee was appointed as the Coordinator of World Union in the Eastern Region comprising the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal, Mizoram, Nagaland, Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal. His address is: 702A/I Block 'P', New Alipur, Calcutta 700053 (Phone: 45-6570).

2. To minimise expenses on various accounts it was decided that from the next year the representatives from National, Regional and Local Centres (non-members of the Executive Committee) might attend the annual meeting at Pondicherry without any right of vote, at their own expenses. (Formerly their Board and lodging expenses were borne by the International Centre).

3. Eligibility of members to attend the 7th Triennial Conference:

It was decided that six months' standing members were eligible to attend the Conference, i.e. those who were on the roll in May 1982 and are continuing their membership and in case of new members – those who were enrolled in July 1982 are eligible to attend. (July being the month of enrolment).

A comprehensive list of such members would be sent to the Convenors of the Conference for their guidance. Members are requested to quote their Subscriber Numbers when they apply for Rail Concession Certificate and remit delegate fees to the Convenors.

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE 7th TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE:

Sri N. S. Amin informs that the last date of registration of delegates was fixed to be on 30th September 1982.

All communications in respect of the Conference may please be addressed to Sri N.S. Amin, 6 Rajmayur, 19th Road, Khar Bombay 400052.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

West Bengal State Centre: (1) The Second Zonal Seminar (1982) was held on the 6th June 1982 at Adyapith, Dakshineswar under the auspices of Bon-Hooghly Centre. It conducted two sessions. In the morning session inaugurated by Dr. Sil, the subject discussed was "Future Humanity". Sri Sujit Palit of North Calcutta Centre was the main Speaker. Dr. B.K. Dey of Salt Lake Centre presided. Sri P.P. Bhattacharya participated in the discussion. At the outset the Seminar observed the "World Truce Day" and condoled the sad demise of Dr. Kamoooben.

In the evening session the subject was "World Union in the Light of Sri Chaitanya, Sri Ramakrishna, Swami Vivekananda, Rabindranath and Sri Aurobindo". It was inaugurated by Brahmachari Sidheswara Bhai and Sri P.P. Bhattacharya was in the Chair. Sri B.N. Sarkar, Dr. Sukuinar Mukherjee, Dr. B. Bhattacharya and Sri Basudev Samanta took part in the discussion.

(2) On the 27th June 1982 it held its Triennial General Meeting when the New Committee was formed, annual accounts passed and other business transacted. The Chairman, the Secretary and thirteen other members were elected by the State Council and Sri Nabendu Mustafi was appointed as the Auditor.

(3) On the 11th July 1982, the newly formed Committee met and selected the Office-bearers and formed other sub-committees as under:-

- (1) Chairman—Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya
- (2) Vice-Chairmen—Sri L.N. Dutta and Dr. B.N. Baral
- (3) Secretary—Sri Swapan Roy
- (4) Asst. Secretaries—Smt. Anjali Roy and Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya
- (5) Treasurer—Sri Nirapada Das

Three sub-committees were formed to carry out propagation through publication of periodicals, audio-visual services and educational tours. Smt. Minu Roy and Sri Susanto Mitra became Ex-Officio members of the Executive Committee.

The address of the new office is: F-3/3 Karunamayee Housing Estate, Salt Lake City, Calcutta-64, the residence of the Secretary. The style of the Centre was changed to—World Union State Centre, West Bengal (not Regional Centre).

Baranagar: Held its monthly Conference on 20-6-82 under the Presidentship of Sri P. P. Bhattacharya—when the Fifth Sukta of 'Rik-Veda' was read and explained. After that Teacher-member Sri Arabindo Ghosh suggested that a short Seminar on 'Ideal Education' might be included under Education Commission in the ensuing 7th Triennial Conference to be held in Bombay.

Bangalore: In its meeting held at the Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs on 29-5-82 and 7-6-82 presided over by Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau, the subject "World Unity" was discussed on 29-5-82. by Sant Sri Bhadrakiri Keshava Das after Dr. T. Prasanna Simha Rau welcomed the gathering and the President of the meeting introduced the Speaker.

The Speaker dealt with the subject from the view point of establishing peace in the individual, the society and humanity. In support of his statement he quoted lines from the scriptures. On the 7th June 1982, the members of the Centre participated in the observance of "World Truce Day"—sponsored by the World Affairs Centre, California, USA and organised by their coordinating Committee of "World Truce Day" all over the world.

Sri Haneef Jawaid of World Union, Sri K. S. Narayanaswamy of Gandhi Peace Foundation and Prof. S. K. Ramachandra Rau spoke on the significance of the day. A memorable book "Gandhi Marg"—a special issue on 'Disarmament and Human Survival' of Gandhi Peace Foundation was released by Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau.

Calcutta: On 23rd May 1982 it held its monthly meeting in a get-together with the distinguished members of Bhawanipur Brahmo Samaj, a very old institution founded by Maharshi Debendra Nath Tagore (father of Rabindranath), and conducted their study class with them. Main Speaker in the meeting was Sri P. P. Bhattacharya of World Union, who spoke on the "Vedic Thoughts" on the basis of Sri Aurobindo's "The Secret of the Veda" and writings of other scholars and concluded saying that the interpretations and explanations given by Sri Aurobindo were the most rational and scientific.

Chandernagar: It has been holding its fortnightly meetings, as detailed under, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month at Sri Aurobindo Mandir.

On 3-1-82 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on "Sri Aurobindo O Manab Samaj".

On 17-1-82—Dr. B. N. Baral spoke on "Manush Ki O Kena".

On 7-2-82—Sri P. P. Bhattacharya spoke on "Sri Aurobindo's Savitri". He has been speaking on this subject for over a year.

On 16-5-82—Sri N. C. Ray spoke on "Sri Aurobindo's Geeta".

In the third week of February 1982 the members of the Centre observed the 72nd anniversary day of Sri Aurobindo's arrival at Chandannagar in collaboration with Sri Aurobindo Culture Centre. In all its fortnightly meetings Sri Bhabatosh Banerjee presided.

North Calcutta: In its monthly Study Circles held on 8-5-82, Sri Sujit Palit, Secretary of the Centre discussed the "Mahalakshmi" aspect of the Mother as expounded by Sri Aurobindo in "The Mother" and on 12-6-82 he dealt with the "Mahasaraswati" aspect. He explained that while "Mahalakshmi" works for Beauty and Harmony, "Mahasaraswati" brings Perfection in work. In its monthly meeting held on 20-5-82 Sri Anshuman Banerjee read his paper on "Sri Aurobindo Bhavna" (Thoughts of Sri Aurobindo) in which he emphasised that "World Union" as visioned by Sri Aurobindo would be surely accomplished and a "New World" would be born out of the debris of the old world. Smt. Krishna Palit read

out her self-composed verses. Sri Hemen Kar with his co-artistes presented a programme of songs and readings from the Mother's "Prayers and Meditations" (in Bengali).

On 13-6-82 the members observed the birth anniversary of Rabindranath and Nazrul in a combined programme "Rabindra-Nazrul Sandhya". On 21-6-82 it held its 99th monthly meeting when Dr. Nirod Baran Chakrabarty the Guest Speaker spoke at length on "Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo". He emphasised that the synthesis of the philosophical traits of the East and the West as done by Sri Aurobindo was a subject of deep study.

(NB: In the report published in May 1982 it was stated by an oversight that Samar Basu was in charge of the Centre. We are sorry for this error of commission).

New Alipur: In its monthly meeting held on the 1st July 1982 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee read out and discussed the Mother's "Questions & Answers" on ordinary life and spiritual life. Sri Rajen Ganguly of Ashram spoke about his personal experience with the Mother during his long stay in the Ashram. He gave stress on "Mahasaraswati" aspect of the Mother.

Sri Ma Sinthi: On 10th April, the members condoled the death of Durga Sen, an eminent musician and one of their colleagues. In its meeting on the 8th May 1982 the members celebrated Rabindra Jayanti. On 12th June 1982 the members condoled the sad demise of Dr. Kamoooben who was closely connected with the Centre.

New Delhi Moti Bagh: Sri J. N. Puri reports that Sri Ashok Narayan, IAS gave a talk to a meeting convened by World Union Motibagh Centre on "Bhakti Yoga" as enunciated by Srimad Bhagawad Geeta. It was an inspiring and instructive talk because he has been dedicating a substantial time for attaining deep knowledge of our rich spiritual and cultural heritage. Sri R. K. Joshi the Hon. Secretary of World Union Motibagh Centre welcomed the Guest Speaker and Sri J. N. Puri introduced him. Thereafter Sri Ashok Narayan traced the aspects of Bhakti Yoga implicit and explicit in every Chapter of Bhagawad Geeta. He elaborated the Bhakti Yoga in greater details on the basis of Chapter 12. His illustrations were very elaborate and his talk was punctuated by rhythmic rendering of important slokas in various chapters of the Geeta. The Motibagh Centre has now decided to organise another function for recitation of slokas from Chapter 12 of the Geeta.

Salt Lake: In its 12th monthly meeting held on 12-6-82 the members observed 5 minutes silence in honour of the departed soul of Dr. Kamoooben. Thereafter the Chairman of the Centre Sri Amaresvar Chakrabarty and Sri P. P. Bhattacharya discussed the subject "Future Humanity".

Uttarpara: In its 105th monthly meeting held on 12-6-82 the members organised a Seminar on "Viswa Kabi Rabindranath and World Union". The Guest Speaker Prof. Achintya Bhattacharva spoke at length on the subject pointing out Rabindranath's universal outlook which prompted him to found "Viswa Bharati". It held its Executive Committee Meeting on the 13th June 1982 to elect a few Office-bearers from among its Committee Members.

New Centre :

Central Calcutta: This Centre was opened under inspiration and guidance of Sri T. K. Sinha and Sri Gour Mohan Chatterjee. The Chairman is Dr. Siva Das Sarkar. The Secretary is Sri Prodeep Kumar Banerjee and the address of the Centre is: World Union Central Calcutta Centre, 135 Baithak Khana Road, Calcutta 700009.

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CREATIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE AND BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES

There are conflicts and clashes of ideas, ideals, ideologies, beliefs, attitudes and above all of power politics around the world. But there are also a variety of creative, constructive and benevolent activities undertaken by some individuals, groups and institutions in many national and international fields of life. It appears that upheavals and struggles are a necessary part of the evolutionary progress of humanity. There is no doubt that an ever increasing number of persons around the world endeavour to practice what they know or preach.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The First International Conference on Universal Education:

The First International Conference on Universal Education will be held by Instituto Lama Tzong Khapa, Pomaia, Nr. Pisa, Italy, from the 22nd to the 31st October 1982. The foundation of the Conference will be the preservation of the Mahayana Tradition. The Conference will give thought to The Growing Child and to An Experience in Transformative Approaches to Learning. The Conference will explore alternative and holistic approaches in children's education, development and learning, and experience in various techniques and practices designed to further develop the totality of human potential in children and in ourselves. The Conference is intended for parents and professionals alike: for mothers, fathers, educators, psychologists, social workers and all those who have an interest in children's education.

The opening address will be given by His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The Conference will deliberate on fourteen different subjects on education, particularly children's education and fourteen different experts on education will attend the Conference and speak on each of the fourteen subjects on education. The location of the Conference is Pomaia, a small village set amidst the green rolling hills of Tuscany in Italy. The official languages for the Conference will be Italian and English. For the benefit of the audience it may be possible to include another language. Translation will be provided during all plenary sessions.

Accommodation will be provided at the Institute and at nearby hotels and pensions. Where necessary transport will be available. The daily cost of accommodation per person (including breakfast, lunch and dinner):

	US \$	UK £
Single	16	9
Double/Triple	14	8
Dormitory	10	6
Camping	8	4.50

Breakfast entails an additional cost for persons accommodated outside the Institute.

Anybody wishing to attend the Conference should contact for further information with:

- (i) USA Judy Weitzner Tel. (415) 5490535 or Patricia Shane Tel. (415) 232 8916**
- (ii) UK Tessa Winterbotham Tel. (0229) 54029 or Shan Tate Tel. (01) 2678929**
- (iii) Other countries, write or telephone: Universal Education Project Office— Instituto Lama Tzong Khapa — 56040 Pomaia (Pi), Italy-Tel. ITALY (050) 68976 or 68894**

A List of Commemorative Days and Decades:

We give below a list of Commemorative Days and Decades for the information of World Union Centres and members to make such use of the list as they think best.

COMMEMORATIVE DAYS

Subject	Day in each year
World Habitat Day	29 February
International Women's Day	8 March
IMCO Day	17 March
International Day for the Elimination of Radical Discrimination	21 March
Earth Day	21 March
World Meteorological	23 March
World Health Day	7 April
World Telecommunication Day	17 May
Week of Solidarity with the Colonial Peoples of Southern Africa	Beginning 25 May (Africa Liberation Day)
World Environment Day	5 June
International Day of Solidarity with the Struggling Peoples of South Africa ("Soweto Day")	16 June
United Nations Charter Day	26 June
Namibia Day	26 August
International Literacy Day	8 September

World Law Day	16 September
International Music Day	1 October
Day of Solidarity with South African Political Prisoners	11 October
UPU Day	11 October
United Nations Day and World Development Information Day	24 October
Day of Solidarity with People of Namibia and their Liberation Movement	27 October
Unesco Anniversary	4 November
Children's Day	14 November
International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People	29 November
Human Rights Day	10 December

COMMEMORATIVE DECADES

Subject	Decade
Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination	1973-1983
UN Decade for Women	1976-1985
African Transport & Communications Decade	1978-1988

Forum for Peace:
Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar:

Under the auspices of the Forum for Peace Professor Yashwant Shukla, eminent educationist of Gujarat, was invited to speak on Disarmament and Human Existence on June 26, 1982. Dr. D. D. Jadeja, Secretary of the Forum, welcomed the guest speaker and the audience. He recalled the services of late Dr. Kamoooben Patel who devoted her life to the cause of world peace. The gathering condoled her death.

"Unbridled arms race holds out an enormous threat to human existence. Total disarmament is therefore the only solution for the survival of the human race," said Prof. Shukla. Talking about different wars he observed that while wars in the past were localised, the one that seems to cast its ominous shadow will annihilate the entire world, wiping out all civilization, culture and even life—human and otherwise.

"Advanced countries of the world of today are so armed and their capacity to wreck havoc is so enormous that they can extinguish the flame of life on earth one hundred and fifty times," Prof. Shukla reiterated. He expressed the hope that man, who is endowed with intelligence and moral nature and who has suffered two world wars and nearly two hundred relatively small ones will realise the inestimable value of existence.

He added that ignorant and idle love for peace would no longer do. Everyone, particularly the enthusiastic youth, must evince enlightened concern for world peace. He called upon them to raise their voice, no matter how feeble or small it may be against unchecked arms race.

Dr B. C. Shah proposed a vote of thanks.

World Constitution and Parliament Association (Karnataka Chapter):

Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan of Nanjangud, President WCPA (Karnataka Chapter) writes that Lion H. V. Shanker Rao of Mysore, past Deputy District Governor, Lions International and one of the leading industrialist in Karnataka is now the Working President of the WCPA Karnataka Chapter. Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan continues as the President, Lion K. V. Shanmukhiah continues as Vice-President and Lion B. Mahadevappa continues as Secretary and Treasurer.

World Union Day Observation:

(a) Smt. Miny Roy, Secretary, World Union Alambazar Centre intimates that the West Bengal State Centre will celebrate World Union Day on 22-8-82 (in commendation of 20th August) and Alambazar Centre shall host the celebration. As usual a whole day programme has been arranged. In the morning session the subject "LOVE AND ONENESS"--(as suggested by the International Centre) will be discussed and in the evening session discourses on "TRUE ART", reading of "ONE ACT DRAMA"-- demonstration of Yoga Bayam and Judo and musical soiree will be organised.

(b) Sri J. N. Puri, General Secretary, World Union Delhi Centre has intimated that the following programme has been chalked out to celebrate the 15th and 20th August, in collaboration with other World Union Centres and sister Organisations in New Delhi.

At Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Delhi Branch

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| 15-8-82 | Sri Aurobindo's birth anniversary celebration. |
| 18-8-82 | Talk by Dr. Sreedharan, Director Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Chanakyanpuri. |
| 19-8-82 | Talk on Sri Aurobindo and Human Unity by Sri S. K. De, Director, Quaker International Programmes in Asia. |

At Bahai's House, 6 Canning Road, New Delhi

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| 20-8-82 | World Union Day Celebration under the Presidentship of Shri Chhedi Lal. |
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At the residence of Shri J. N. Puri

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| 29-8-82 | Discourses on "World Union and Human Unity". Participants Shri S. Venugopalan and Shri Chri. |
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(c) In celebration of the World Union Day at Nanjangud, Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan presented to the Govt. College Library of Nanjangud back numbers of the World Union journal, U. N. Colour Pictures, Reader's Digest journals and Lions Magazines. The Principal of the College expressed gratitude to Prof. K. S. Viswanathan for this valuable gift.

Provisional World Parliament:

Mr. A. B. Patel, General Secretary of World Union, will be leaving Pondicherry on the 25th August morning for UK to attend the Provisional World Parliament at Brighton from the 4th to the 17th September 1982. He is expected to return to Pondicherry on the 23rd October 1982.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bon-Hooghly: In its monthly meeting held on 10-7-82 under the Chairmanship of Dr. B. Bhattacharya Shri Dulal Paul discussed the symbolic idol of Durga and Shri Kalidas Karmakar gave a talk on "Human Character and how it can be transformed to base on Spiritual Foundation". The Chairman read out the first Chapter of the Geeta.

North Calcutta Centre: It celebrated its 100th monthly meeting on the 20th July 1982 in a ceremonial way inviting members, friends and collaborators of various World Union Centres. A commemorative booklet was published on the occasion and distributed among all attending the function. The meeting started with devotional songs and group concentration and chanting of hymns.

Sri T. K. Sinha, Ex. Secretary of the Centre spoke on the past activities of the Centre with a brief narration of the history of its formation on 20-3-74.

Sri Sujit Kumar Palit the present Secretary in his short speech reiterated the pledge to fulfil the ideals of fraternity and harmony in the Centre's activities. Then a composite programme of songs and readings from the Mother's "Prayers and Meditations" was organised by the Women Wing of the Centre. Smt. Krishna Palit read out her self-composed poems. Smt. Gayatri Nag offered the concluding song.

The floral decoration of the portraits of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo was made in such decent and sanctified way that it created a serene atmosphere to prevail in the hall (New Dawn) all along.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and the assembly and distribution of snack-packets, at about 9:30 P.M.

The Centre also held its monthly Study Circle on 10-7-82 when Sri Sujit Kumar Palit explained the "Mahasaraswati" aspect of the Mother.

New Alipur: In its monthly meeting held on 5-8-82 the members appreciated with applause the appointment of the Centre's Secretary Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee as the Coordinator of World Union in the Eastern Region. Smt. Mira Mukherjee briefly narrated her experience of her recent visit of the Ashram.

Raghunathpur: It held its monthly meeting on 5-6-82 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on "Sri Aurobindo on Social Problems and their Solutions". He emphasised that— aspiration for and opening to the higher force were the best methods to get rid of the problems to help bring about a change in the present state of the society.

In its next monthly meeting held on 3-7-82 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee answered many lively questions put up by its members, on spiritual science of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

Salt Lake: A discussion on the question "Whether humanity is progressing or retrogressing" raised by Sri H. M. Barari, was organised by the Centre in its 13th monthly meeting held on 10-7-82 under the Presidentship of Shri S. K. Roy Chowdhury who opened the discussion by indicating the two aspects of the question—spiritual and material. He explained that it was very difficult to assess whether humanity was progressing spiritually on the lines visualised by Rabindranath and Tolstoy and Sri Aurobindo, but looking at the world one could feel that a universal spirit in humanity was working in the activities of the peoples of the earth like observation of International Women's Year, Children's Year, Year for the Handicapped persons etc. Sri Amareswar Chakrabarty emphasised that true assessment could be made by self realisation through meditation and invited all to meditate on "The World is One Family".

Sion: It held on 18-7-82 a condolence meeting on the sad demise of its Associate Member—Mr. I. M. Pai, on 12-7-82 who was the Managing Director of M/s. FIRTH (INDIA) STEEL CO. LTD. The Associate Membership was in the name of the Firm. All members paid tribute to the departed soul.

Uttarpara: The 106th monthly Seminar of this Centre was held on 10-7-82 under the Chairmanship of Sri N. B. Nandy. Prof. Sankar Datta spoke on "MANUSHER DHARMA".

Sri S. K. Gupta read out a portion of "The Mother" and elucidated its relevance to the World Union Movement.

Prof. Datta spoke at length on the subject. He emphasised the need to understand human nature in the light of the teachings of Sri Ramkrishna, Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo. He also indicated that moulding of humanity by sincere practice of certain ideals and spiritual values was a prerequisite of the progress of the World Union Movement.

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE 7th TRIENNIAL WORLD CONFERENCE:

- (a) Delegate fee Rs. 100.00; Reception Committee Member's fee Rs. 300.00 may be paid by D/D or by Cheque drawn in favour of:

"WORLD UNION CONFERENCE 1982"

NB: All outstationed Cheques must include approximate amount of Bank's commission.

- (b) Donations to World Union are exempted from Income Tax under Section 80(G) of

the Income Tax Act. Donations in D/D drawn on any Bank in Pondicherry and in favour of "WORLD UNION" are acceptable.

(c) Last date of sending delegate fees—has been extended to 15th October 1982.

(d) In July 1982 Focus the dates of Conference was announced by an oversight from 25th to 27th November. The dates are (as announced earlier in May 1982 Focus) from 25th to 28th November 1982.

World Union Building Fund:

Deficit in building fund	. . .	Rs. 28,973-18
Donated by A. B. Patel	. . .	Rs. 13,973-18
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Present deficit	. . .	Rs. 15,000-00

VB In our previous Focus issues the deficit in Building Fund was shown as Rs. 28,826-00. Now the correct amount as worked out comes to Rs. 28,973-18 as shown above. We are sorry for this error.

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WORLD UNION

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IGNORANCE IS NO EXCUSE

We of today have not the excuse of ignorance since we have before us perfectly clear ideals and conditions. Freedom and unity, the self-determination of men and nations in the framework of a life drawn together by cooperation, comradeship, brotherhood if it may be, the acceptance of a close inter-relation of the common aims and interests of the race, an increasing oneness of human life in which we cannot deny any longer to others what we claim for ourselves,—are things of which we have formed a definite conception.

Sri Aurobindo

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Provisional World Parliament—September 1982:

For the first time in the history a World Parliament had its full session at Brighton (UK) for complete fourteen days from 5th to 17th September this year (4th being the day of Registration) to begin work on world legislation to solve some of the most crucial problems endangering the survival and welfare of the people living on Earth.

At this beginning it was only a "Provisional" World Parliament, but at the same time it would be an emerging Parliament growing to become a full democratically controlled global legislature, under a Constitution for the Federation of Earth. Even in the beginning stages, with sessions scheduled in other continents for 1983 and 1984 the Provisional World Parliament can become a major rallying ground for the hopes of humanity for continuing life, equity and progress on this planet.

After 37 years of the U.N., almost all member-nations have continually increased their stock of armaments to the point of imminent extinction of life on earth. Besides, dozens of the global scale problems are accumulating and escalating without any way to arrive at national and peaceful solution.

The Provisional World Parliament aimed to reverse this race to catastrophe by taking as its first action—world legislation to outlaw nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction and by establishing a World Disarmament Agency to start implementing.

The Parliament would also take up other inter-related global problems, which would come under the purview of a New World Economic Order with adequate financial institutions to work for global environmental protection, sustainable energy supplies, food supplies and population problems. Since the Second Special Session on Disarmament at the U.N. in June this year was once again proved to be futile, time has come to think over—"WHAT NEXT?" Here the P.W.P. offers the next field of action for the millions of people who have lately been around to the dangers of nuclear war.

Sri A. B. Patel, Co-President of the WCPA and General Secretary-Treasurer of World Union is attending the Provisional World Parliament and his report in detail on the working of the Provisional World Parliament may be awaited.

24th October—U.N. Day—A World Holiday:

Dr. Dorothy Schneider, a member of World Council, San Diego, USA, once again reminds all concerned of the General Assembly's resolution adopted in 1971 which recommended that the day be observed as public holiday by all States Members of the U.N.

In explaining the rationale of the resolution she emphasises that this U.N. Day—International Holiday (later, a World Holiday) will contribute to human cooperation on a global scale as well as commemorate an important event in world history. This unique holiday, shared around the world, will be an educational step toward creating a world point of view in greater numbers of people on all continents. Delegations sent to the U.N. will become more and more global-minded and the U.N.O. will be enabled to place human interests above national interests to a greater extent.

Speeches, writing of articles, pictorial communications and telecommunications and other activities relating to this World Holiday will increase the awareness of world people of the strengths and weaknesses of the U.N. and as a result the U.N. will be a more effective and efficient Organisation.

World Constitution and Parliament Association West Bengal Local Chapter:

Sri Nabendu Mustafi, Joint General Secretary, reports that the Local Chapter held its Triennial General Meeting on 9-4-82 to pass audited accounts and transact usual business of the Chapter and elected the new Executive Committee excepting the President to work for the next term.

He also intimates that the newly formed Executive Committee held its first meeting on 7-8-82 in which Dr. Pratap Chandra Chunder, Ex. Minister of Education, Government of India was unanimously elected as the President of the Chapter and the new body so formed is as under:-

President—Dr. Pratap Chandra Chunder; Vice-Presidents—(i) Dr. Arun Sil and (ii) Sri Karunamoy Chatterjee, Barrister-at-Law; General Secretary—Sri Samar Basu; (Temporarily for some months to come because he is now in Pondicherry and working in World Union.) Joint General Secretary—Sri Nabendu Mustafi.

Asst. General Secretaries—(i) Sri Salla Mitra (Advocate) and (ii) Sri Gour Mohan Chatterjee; Members—(i) Prof. K.C. Pal; (ii) Sri K.P. Dutta; (iii) Sri Sushil Dutta and (iv) Sri T.K. Sinha.

Sri Sushil Dutta is attending the Provisional World Parliament as a delegate from the Local Chapter.

PROGRESS REPORT OF SEVENTH TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN BOMBAY :

(1) Programme; (2) Categories of Membership and (3) Application Form 'A' and Form 'B'

1—PROGRAMME

Thursday, November 25, 1982

2.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m	Registration
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Friday, November 26, 1982

10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.		Inauguration
11.30	12.00 p.m.	Coffee Break
12.00	1.00 "	1st Plenary Session
1.00	2.00 "	Lunch break
2.00	5.00 "	Concurrent Commissions (with tea break from 3.30 to 4.00 p.m)
5.00	6.00	Free time
6.30	8.00	Mayor's Reception
8.30	9.30	Dinner
9.30	10.30	Cultural Programme

Saturday, November 27, 1982

9.00	10.00 a.m.	Plenary Session
10.00	1.00 p.m.	Concurrent Commissions (with coffee break from 11.00 to 11.30 a.m.)
1.00	2.00 "	Lunch break
2.00	5.00 "	Final Concurrent Commissions (with teabreak from 3.30 to 4.00 p.m.)
5.00	6.00	Free time
6.30	8.00	Public Lecture
8.30	9.30	Dinner
9.30	10.30	Cultural Programme

Sunday, November 28, 1982

9.00	11.00 a.m.	Reports from the Commissions and discussions
11.00	11.30	Coffee break
11.30	12.00 p.m.	Final Recommendations and Resolutions
12.00	1.00 ..	Valedictory Session
1.00	2.00 ..	Lunch break
2.00	3.00	World Council Meeting
3.00	3.30	Tea break
3.30	5.30	Meeting of Council of National Centre, National Executive Committee, and Executive Committee of International Centre
6.00	7.30 p.m.	Public Lecture
8.00	9.00	Dinner
9.00	11.00	Feature film show

Monday, November 29, 1982

Sight-seeing of Bombay City /

Elephanta Caves
Lunch & Departure

8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
2.00 p.m. onwards

Theme	: 'EARTH IS ONE'
Commission 1	: CONSCIOUS EVOLUTION OF LIFE ON EARTH
Commission 2	: ECOSYSTEM, ENVIRONMENT & EXISTENCE ON EARTH
Commission 3	: PEACE & PROGRESS ON EARTH
Commission 4	: GLOBAL MACHINERY AND METHODOLOGY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND CONFLICTS ON EARTH

Venue (of stay and programmes)

Pracharya B.N. Vaidya Sabhagriha
Raja Shivaji High School
(King George High School)
Hindu Colony, Dadar
Bombay 400014

2--CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP:

Patrons	Rs. 1,000 onwards
Donors	Rs. 500 onwards
Reception	
Committee Members	Rs. 300 onwards

The above contributions include registration, boarding and lodging in the Campus. We earnestly appeal to you and your friends to enrol as members of any of the three categories and help to make this Conference a great success.

Delegates from all over the world are expected to participate in this Conference. Bombay has a pleasant climate in November and there are numerous tourist attractions in and around this metropolitan city of India.

For those who wish to attend the Conference as delegates, the fees are as under and include registration, boarding and lodging in the Campus during the Conference (except otherwise stated):

Members of World Union	Rs. 100
Spouse of Member	Rs. 100
Children between	
5 and 12 years	Rs. 50
12 years and above	Rs. 100
Guests	Rs. 50 (per day)
Observers (without	
accommodation)	Rs. 20 (per day)

The last day for registration as Reception Committee Member or Delegate is October 15, 1982 (may be extended to October 30, 1982 if required) and for sending papers or synopsis of the paper for the Conference is October 30, 1982. Bank draft or cheque in favour of *'World Union Conference 1982'* may please be sent to the following address:

**World Union Bombay Centre
1 Union Park
Pali Hill Road
Khar, BOMBAY 400052**

Railway concession forms will be sent to those who register their names.

For further information please write to Sri N.S. Amin, Secretary, World Union Bombay Centre.

(NOTE: Delegates from abroad will pay equal amount in foreign currency)

3 — FORM A

7th Triennial World Conference of World Union, Bombay

November 25, 26, 27 & 28, 1982

From :

_____ (Pin Code)

To

**Shri N. S. Rao
Chairman
7th Triennial World Conference
1 Union Park
Palli Hill, Road
Khar, Bombay 400052**

Dear Friend :

I request you to kindly register me *as (Please tick the relevant category).

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| <input type="radio"/> Patron | Rs. 1,000 onwards |
| <input type="radio"/> Donor | Rs. 500 onwards |
| <input type="radio"/> Reception Committee member | Rs. 300 or more |
| <input type="radio"/> Delegate | Rs. 100 |
| <input type="radio"/> Observer | Rs. 20 per day |

I shall be accompanied by

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| <input type="radio"/> Spouse | Rs. 100 |
| <input type="radio"/> Children (below 12 years) | Rs. 50 each |
| <input type="radio"/> 12 Years and above | Rs. 100 each |

- Guest Rs. 50 per day
- We will stay in campus
- We will stay outside and make our own arrangements for lodging
- We request you to reserve lodging in a hotel

I am sending herewith a cross & order cheque (or Draft on Syndicate Bank, Pali Hill Branch, Bombay) for Rs. _____ drawn in favour of "World Union Conference 1982". Please send me the necessary Railway Concession forms.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

enc. Cheque/Draft

(Signature)

Place : _____

Date : _____

(Last date for registration is October 15, 1982)
[which may be extended to 30th, if required]

- * Registration in any of these categories includes registration fees, boarding & lodging in campus during the Conference. In spite of increasing prices and high costs of boarding, lodging and conduct of the Conference, the fees have been kept very low. The fees are total and no concession will be available if they make alternate arrangements of their choice.
 - ** Please add the necessary bank commission on all out-station cheques. (Rs. 2.00).
 - + + On receipt of request for reservation in a hotel, we shall let you know the charges.
- Note:** Delegates from abroad will pay in equal foreign currency. Observers paying Rs. 20/- per day will kindly make their own arrangements for accommodation.

Form B

7th Triennial World Conference of World Union, Bombay

November 25, 26, 27 & 28, 1982

From:

_____(In Block Letters)

_____(Pin Code) _____

To:

**Shri N.S. Rao
Chairman
7th Triennial World Conference,
1 Union Park, Pali Hill Road,
Khar, Bombay 400052**

Dear Friend:

I shall attend the 7th Triennial World Conference of World Union, Bombay, from November 25 to 28, 1982.

I have sent my registration fees.

I wish to present a paper in Commission No. _____. The time required to present the paper will be _____ minutes (not more than 10 minutes). I shall send the summary of the paper (not more than 250 words) by October 30, 1982.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

encl.

(Signature)

Place _____

Date _____

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1. Papers will be accepted from the participating delegates who also register.
 2. Only one paper from each author will be accepted.
 3. Presenting briefly the salient points of the paper at the Conference will help discussion by delegates.
 4. Authors, if they so desire, can bring with them their full text cyclostyled or printed for distribution to delegates.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bally: In its monthly meeting held on 31-7-82 the members welcomed the Ashram Musician Sri Tinkori Banerjee (who is also a blessed son of Bally). Sri Banerjee offered devotional songs and songs of the Ashram Poet Nishikanto (who also once lived at Bally). Dr. Sukumar Saha, the guest-in-chief spoke on the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo which was highly appreciated by all. Dr. (Mrs) Ila Saha attended the happy meet as a special guest.

C.N.S. Centre: It celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti and India's Independence Day on the 15th August in a whole day programme. In the morning session (8 A.M. to 12 Noon) the members offered flowers and meditated before the portraits of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo—which was followed by talks on Yoga of Sri Aurobindo. In the evening (from 4 P.M.) it held a public meeting which concluded with a cultural programme on "Sri Aurobindo Pranam".

Khar: Sri N. S. Amin reports — A send off function to Sri A. B. Patel on the eve of his leaving for Brighton to attend the Provisional World Parliament was held on 25-8-82 at the residence of Sri N. S. Rao, which was addressed by Sri A. B. Patel.

Sri N. S. Rao gave a brief account of the ensuing 7th Triennial Conference and referred to the unique services rendered by Sri Patel who was the architect of the World Union Organization. He also stated about Sri Patel's role in the Movement of WCPA to form a World Government.

All wished Sri A. B. Patel good health and happy journey and successful participation in the Provisional World Parliament. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Sri N S. Rao for hosting the function.

(2) A two days' function to commemorate World Union Day was organised by Members of World Union Khar Centre at Sahakar, Bombay on 20th and 21st August 1982. Sri Shantibhai N. Patel gave a thought provoking talk on "World Unity". He emphasised that it was a very difficult task and World Union members should endeavour to develop and culture their inner consciousness for spreading the World Union Movement.

Kanpur: The members celebrated World Union Day on 20-8-82 under the Presidentship of Dr. Somnath Shukla M.A., Ph.D., D.Litt., a renowned philosopher of Sarvodaya Movement. After two minutes meditation the President of the Centre Paramarthi K. K. Gupta welcomed Dr. Shukla and Dr. Upendra Tripathi M. A., Ph. D., a renowned linguist.

At the outset the General Secretary Sri R. K. Awasthi outlined the salient features of World Union Movement with an appeal to the audience to become more and more aware of the philosophy by reading of books and taking part in the Movement.

Then Dr. Tripathi spoke at length on 'Spiritual Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo'. He emphasised that Sri Aurobindo's philosophy of human unity was a vast subject of deep

study. He also indicated that the Mother had translated his philosophy into action. In his Presidential address—Dr. Shukla vividly explained the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo dealing with Oneness of Soul. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks, Dhyanam and distribution of Prasad.

North Calcutta: In its monthly Study Circle held on 14-8-82 Sri Sujit Kr. Palit, Secretary of the Centre read out and discussed the last portion of the concluding Chapter of "The Mother" which deals with the Yoga of Transformation.

It held its monthly meeting on 20-8-82. The Guest Speaker Prof. Debi Prasad Sen, spoke on "Bhabhi Kaber Manab Chetana" (consciousness of future human kind) after devotional songs and chanting of Vedic hymns. The Speaker elaborately discussed various theories of evolution material and spiritual, including the theosophists' view and concluded that the future consciousness of man would reach a height enriched with—LOVE, KNOWLEDGE and ANANDA as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo.

With a devotional song offered by Smt. Hena Sinha the meeting ended.

Salt Lake: It held two special meetings on 8-8-82 and 31-8-82. On 20-8-82 the Centre also celebrated the World Union Day.

8-8-82 — (Special Meeting) The Members welcomed Sri Tinkori Banerjee of Sri Aurobindo Ashram and a renowned Musician who in response offered devotional songs and created a blissful atmosphere.

Then Dr. Mukherjee, Coordinator of Eastern Region and Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Chairman State Centre West Bengal discussed various aspects of World Union Movement. Some Booklets of the Mother's "Ideal Child" were distributed among the children of the S. O. S (Austrian Concern).

20-8-82 — In celebrating the World Union Day the members were reminded of what the Mother spoke on the Foundation Day of World Union by Smt. Anjali Roy by reading out the following passage:

"We are attending the birth of a new world, altogether young, altogether weak — weak not in its essence but in its external manifestation—not yet recognised, not yet felt, denied by most, but it is there, it is there endeavouring to grow and quite sure of the result. . . ."

Dr. R. K. De explained the significance of the auspicious day and Sri S. K. Roy Chowdhury discussed in brief the object of education for 'One World'.

31-8-82 — (Special Meeting) Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee initiated the meeting and spoke on the "Origin and Growth of World Union".

Sodepur: In its monthly meeting held on 24-7-82 Sri P. P. Bhattacharya spoke at length on "Integral Education" of Sri Aurobindo and its impact on World Union Movement.

Thereafter the New Committee of the Centre was formed—with Sri Samiran Ghosh as Chairman and Smt. Ranjana Mitra as Secretary. The address of the Centre was shifted to the residence of the Secretary MIG No. 24 Govt. Housing Estate, P.O. SODEPUR, Dt: 24 Parganas, West Bengal.

Sultanpur: It organised one week's programme for the celebration of Sri Aurobindo Jayanti and World Union Day.

15-8-82: In celebrating the Jayanti, the members resolved that a School for children be founded for imparting integral education as propounded by Sri Aurobindo. Besides, the members organised essay writing and Sri Aurobindo's portrait making competition among students of H. S. Schools and Degree Colleges. The subjects of essays were: (i) "Love and Oneness for Achieving World Peace" for School Students and (ii) "True Union of Nation States, Pre-supposes World Union" for College students.

20-8-82: The Centre celebrated the World Union Day under the Presidentship of Sri K. Chandra Mauli, Dist Magistrate. Sri Prabhakar, Secretary of the Centre welcomed the President and assembled guests. In his short speech he emphasised that Sri Aurobindo was an incarnation of Sri Krishna. He descended on earth to open the gateway to "Collective Salvation"—World Union Movement was the means to reach the gateway. He also explained why World Union would support the W. C. P. A. in its endeavour to form the World Government. After two minutes' meditation the students were awarded prizes and then the local personalities spoke on the necessity of World Unity from different religious view points.

In his Presidential address, Sri Chandra Mauli—advocated that the principle of "Think Globally and Act Locally" should be followed in actual practice in life.

Dr. D. C. Banik, President of the Centre, proposed a vote of thanks and reminded the audience of Swami Vivekananda's conception of Universal Religion based on one SOUL (Atma).

Shillong: It observed World Union Day on 20-8-82 under the Presidentship of Sri R. N. Upadhyaya, Principal Sankar Dev College. Smt. D. Sailo, Dr. U. Bhattacharya, Sri R. N. Barua and Sri S. Das Gupta as also the President spoke on "LOVE AND ONENESS".

Devotional songs in English, Hindi, Sanskrit were offered by different artists while Smt. Sudha Ramani recited Mother's hymn in Telugu.

Uttarpara: In its 107th monthly meeting held on 14-8-82 the subject 'Sri Aurobindo and the Independence of India' was discussed. Prof. Buddhadev Chakraborty spoke on the subject. He explained very clearly the role played by Sri Aurobindo as a national leader in Freedom Movement of India. Km. Shampa Bhattacharya read out her self-composed essay on the subject. Sri Madhusudan Banerjee dwelt at length on the contribution of Sri Aurobindo in the struggle for India's Independence.

15-8-82: The members celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti with flower offering and meditation and reading out selected passages from Sri Aurobindo's 'Foundation of Indian Culture'. Sri Sunil Bhattacharya offered devotional songs.

World Union Day Celebration in Zambia (Africa):

Mr. Arvind Devalia, a Life Member of World Union and Chairman U. N. Association—Livingstone Branch, Zambia, gave a talk to the Livingstone Rotary Club on 20th August 1982 in celebrating the occasion. He Spoke on the U.N., the U.N.A., and the concept of human unity and the future of the world as a federation of all countries coordinated by one Federal Government.

World Union magazines and other books and periodicals from U. N. Information Centre were donated to Rotary Club for its newly opened U. Thant Reading Room.

New Centre:

N. R. Colony Centre: This Centre was opened under the inspiration and guidance of Sri B. Krishnaswamy, Coordinator for Southern Region. The Chairman is Sri B. Sreekantiah. The Secretary is Sri K. Shama Rao and the address of the Centre is: World Union N. R. Colony Centre, 21 Police Station Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore 560004.

New Life Members:

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| 461. Dr. P.P. Narayanan
(FLM 149) | P.O. Box 72
Petaling Jaya
SELANGOR (Malaysia) |
| 462. The Principal
(ILM 314) | Sankardev College
Bishnupur
SHILLONG 793004 (Meghalaya) |
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(ILM 315) | 55 Vasant Kunj
New Sharada Mandir Road
Paldi
AHMEDABAD 380007
(Gujarat State) |
| 464. Sri Guru Das Paul
(ILM 316) | C/o Srma Utsav Samiti
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CALCUTTA 700006 |

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(SAMAR BASU)
Deputy General Secretary
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PROVISIONAL WORLD PARLIAMENT

Humanity is passing through a period when either the life on Planet Earth may rise to a higher level, with better character and quality of life lived by the human race, or it may drift towards a disaster. In the long evolutionary process mankind built several institutions in every sphere of life which served the progress of humanity, but in course of time these institutions became out of date and had to be changed, sometimes radically, or abandoned. Nationalism and National sovereignty served the evolution of the human race, but are now out of date in the context of the present world conditions and militate against the ideal of one world, very essential if the human race has to survive and make progress.

In International gatherings held either under the auspices of the United Nations and its Allied Agencies or otherwise, National Leaders often take global attitudes and make decisions for global welfare, but they never apply their minds how such decisions should be enforced. Such decisions remain generally ineffective in the absence of a world authority.

World Constitution and Parliament Association, a non-governmental organisation, adopted a "Constitution for the Federation of the Earth," providing for a non-Military Democratic Federal World Government at Innsbruck, Austria, in June 1977. Under that Constitution the Provisional World Parliament was held at Brighton, U.K., from the 4th to the 16th September 1982. It was a unique event in the history of the human race.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

World Constitution and Parliament Association:

It was the wonderful and dedicated work done by Mr. Philip Isely, Secretary General of the World Constitution and Parliament Association, assisted ably by Mrs. Margaret Isely, and helped by the Deputy Secretaries General Dr. T.P. Amerasinghe and Mr. Puran Singh Azad and other dedicated colleagues in the work of World Constitution and Parliament Association around the world, that the Provisional World Parliament was convened at Brighton. There were Delegates, Members of People's Lobby and Observers who attended the Provisional

World Parliament. The 4th September 1982 was reserved for the registration of delegates, members of people's lobby and observers and a meeting took place at 4 p.m. on that day at Corn Exchange when Mr. Reinhart Ruge presided. The inauguration of the Provisional World Parliament was held at 10 a.m. on the 5th September 1982 at Dome, a beautiful hall for meetings, which, along with Corn Exchange, was provided gratis by the City of Brighton. At the inauguration Mr. A. B. Patel was nominated by the Steering Committee of the Provisional World Parliament to act as the Speaker of the Parliament.

At the time of inauguration a booklet, entitled "Welcome to the Provisional World Parliament 1982," was distributed to all present which contained a Call to the Provisional World Parliament, Action by National Parliaments and the list of Honorary Sponsors of the Provisional World Parliament and their messages. After Sri A. B. Patel made preliminary observations, he called upon Shri Sat Pal Mittal, a Member of the Indian Parliament and Secretary General of the Indian Forum for Parliamentarians, to speak. The second speaker was Sir Muhammad Zaffarullah Khan, the President of the U.N. General Assembly in 1962/63, The president of International Court of Justice 1970/73. Judge since 1954 and at one time Minister of Foreign Affairs. The third speaker was Mr. Keith Best, Member of the British Parliament. The fourth speaker was Srimati Shushila Rotagi, Ex-member of the Indian Parliament and Chairman of Indian Cultural and Social Welfare. The fifth was Dr. Norman Z. Alcock of Canada, Nuclear Physicist, and the President of Canadian Peace Research Institute. The sixth was Mr. Ross Smyth of Canada, President of World Federalist of Canada, Public Affairs Manager (retired) of Air Canada. The seventh was Mr. Ibrahim Elias of Sudan. He was in the Government of Sudan in various capacities, Assistant Managing Director of Sudan Industrial Bank and the Chairman and Managing Director of Sudan Investment Company. The eighth speaker was Ciro Dominico Kroon of Curacao who worked in several capacities in the Government of Curacao, including Prime-Ministership in 1968/69. The ninth speaker was Mr. M. Necati Munir Ertekum of Cyprus, Judge of Supreme Constitutional Court and was President of Supreme Court of Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

After the above speakers, Mr. Reinhart Ruge, the Co-President of World Constitution and Parliament Association, read some of the messages received from World leaders which messages were many, including a message from the President of India.

After the messages were read, which created a deep impression on the audience, the Provisional Parliament began its work, and some of the Delegates spoke on the task before the Parliament.

The first delegate speaker was Dr. T.P. Amerasinghe, Deputy General Secretary, World Constitution and Parliament Association. The Second delegate speaker was Dr. Hanna Newcombe, well known for her splendid work from global point of view and as a prominent worker in the Peace Research Institute of Canada. The third speaker was Mr. Ahmed E. H. Jaffer of Pakistan, a Vice-President of the World Constitution and Parliament Association. The fourth speaker was Mr. Everett Clinchy of U.S.A., and the fifth was Mrs. Karmel Kussman from U.S.A. The sixth speaker was Mr. Emil Peter, a prominent worker for Democratic Federal World Government from West Germany and the seventh was Mrs. Rose Chesney from Australia. The eighth speaker was Mr. Guy Marchand of France, a prominent worker of Peoples' Congress.

Dr. Max Habicht of Switzerland, International Lawyer, founder of World Federal Authority Committee, delegate to many international conferences, and a Legal Adviser to the World Constitution and Parliament Association, had given important advice from time to time in the proceedings of the Provisional World Parliament.

The Parliament was convened in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, which was adopted by the Second World Constituent Assembly convened at Innsbruck, in Austria, in June 1977. Some of the active and prominent participants in the Parliament were Mr. Philip Isley, Mr. Reinhart Ruge, Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe, Mr. Puran Singh Azad, Mrs. Margaret Isley, Sri A.B. Patel, Mrs. Helen Tucker, Dr. Lucile Green, Dr. Max Habicht, Mr. John Dale, Mr. Douglas Everingham, Mr. Bernard Nazi, Major Thomas Stephan, Mr. & Mrs. Nigam.

The Constitution for the Federation of Earth incorporates many current ideals and also new ideals necessary to build a just, peaceful, united and prosperous social order: ideals such as democratic values, human rights, fundamental freedoms, equality free from all discriminations, social and distributive justice, human welfare, prevention of war, disarmament, world view of problems, unity in diversity, development of earth and oceans resources for the common good of humanity, the maintenance of environmental and ecological fabric of life. It provides sufficient checks and counter-checks to prevent concentration and/or abuse of power. It aims to realise a true Democratic Federal World Government.

In the afternoon of the 5th September 1982 some Bills were presented to the Parliament for consideration.

On the 6th September, the Plenary Session of the Parliament met at 9 a.m. in the Dome and elected Sri A. B. Patel as the Speaker, Dr. Lucile Green, Mr. Puran Singh Azad and Mr. B.P. Nigam as Deputy Speakers and seven members to the General Steering Committee making the total membership of fourteen with a quorum of nine. Mr. Reinhart Ruge was elected as the President and Dr. T.P. Amerasinghe as the General Secretary at the first meeting of the Steering Committee.

The Provisional World Parliament had adopted World Legislative Bills after they were carefully considered and amended by the Parliamentary Committees appointed for the purpose. The most important of the Bills so adopted were:

- 1. To Outlaw Nuclear Weapons And Other Weapons of Mass Destruction And To Create A World Disarmament Agency.**
- 2. To Inaugurate A World Economic Development Organisation.**
- 3. For The Ownership, Administration And Development Of Oceans And Seabeds Of The Earth As The Common Heritage Of The People Of Earth.**
- 4. For World Court.**
- 5. For The Establishment of World Currency.**
- 6. For Inaugurating a World University System With A Graduate Of World Problems.**
- 7. The World Leaders' Bill.**

The Provisional World Parliament had also adopted certain resolutions, some of which were:

1. For Controlling The Population Explosion In The World.
2. For The Recognition Of The Organisation: "Youth For Peace, Development And World Government".
3. For Establishment Of The Spring Equinox As A World Holiday.
4. On War And Belligerency.
5. On Disarmament.

It is difficult to give the text of the enactments of the Provisional World Parliament. But one can affirm that some of these enactments are challenges to the present world order and will stimulate ideas and ideals, revolutionary to World Order based on nationalism and national sovereignty. We will endeavour to publish in December 1982 Focus The Text of the first enactment: "To Outlaw Nuclear Weapons And Other Weapons Of Mass Destruction And To Create A World Disarmament Agency." We will also endeavour to give Report of the proceedings of the Parliament for other days.

A LETTER FROM THE DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY TO THE CHAIRMEN & SECRETARIES OF ALL LOCAL CENTRES IN INDIA:

(A Supplement to the Guidelines published in August '79 Focus)

Dear Friends,

Instead of writing to each Local Centre separately, this letter has to be published in the Focus because we feel it to be necessary that the purport of the letter should come to the notice of all members of World Union irrespective of their being attached to any Local Centre or not.

We are to draw your attention to the following issues with the hope that they will be duly considered from administrative as well as organizational view points and suitable action taken for the effectuation of our suggestion in respect of each issue as hereinafter indicated:

(A) ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY: We are sure that you all know that World Union founded in November 1958 is a charitable Society working for Human Unity and World Peace on a Spiritual foundation and is inspired in its work by Sri Aurobindo's "The Ideal of Human Unity". It is a *platform* where peoples of various religious belief may assemble to collaborate with us in our Movement which we have been carrying for more than two decades under direct guidance of the Mother for the realisation of the IDEAL.

The aims and objects of World Union as enumerated in the Memorandum of Association are also known to you all. So we may hope that the activities of your Centre shall be so organised as to fulfil the purpose of its formation i.e., its aims and objectives.

(B) MAINTENANCE OF MEMBERSHIP REGISTER:

(i) It is also not unknown to you that World Union is a Society registered under Societies Registration Act and since all Local Centres working as branches of this Central Organization it has become binding upon them also that they should meet the requirements of the Registrar of Societies. It is therefore necessary that all Local Centres should maintain their Members' Register in the form as prescribed below.

Subscriber Number	Full names of Members	Postal Address in full	Periodicity of Membership	Month of Renewal	REMARKS
1	2	3	4	5	6

NOTE: Separate pages should be used for Journal and Focus.

(ii) It is seen from the Register maintained in the International Centre, Pondicherry that many members (both Journal and Focus) belonging to different Local Centres do not renew their membership at the end of the term and a good number of members renew their membership a few months after the month of expiry causing difficulties in making arrangements for the despatch of the past copies. This lapse can be avoided if the Local Centres take necessary action well in advance by consulting their own Registers without waiting for receiving Renewal Notices from International Centre and remit the renewal fees to reach the Central Office in due months. This will help the Central Office to send the Journal/Focus to the concerned members on the due mailing dates. This is necessary, to avoid excess expenditure and lots of trouble in mailing piece-meal covers on different dates.

(iii) Besides, due to this discontinuity of membership at different months of the year it has become very much difficult to ascertain how many members are there in a particular Centre on a given date.

So, we propose to start maintaining new register of members from January next year. For this purpose you are requested to furnish the International Centre with lists of members on roll on 31st December 1982, prepared in the form prescribed above (excluding those whose memberships are due to be renewed in January 1983; for them a separate list has to be sent after their renewals) to enable us to verify the same with our record so that there should not be any discrepancy between the registers maintained by the Local Centres and in Central Office.

(iv) It cannot be gainsaid that ours is a perpetual *Movement* towards the goal which may be attained in some future era if we can continue to move on individually as also collectively making steady progress. Hence *continuity* of membership of an Organization like ours is a *necessity*. You should therefore, not fail to see that at the time of enrolment, new members are made aware of this salient character of our Organization.

(C) NONRECEIPT OF JOURNAL/FOCUS ON DUE DATES:

Off and on we receive complaints from members that they have not been receiving

Journal/Focus for some past months. This irregularity may occur for the following reasons:

(a) Due to change of address of the members not intimated to the International Centre or (b) due to wrong address maintained in the record of the International Centre or (c) due to defective postal services.

In either case, the members concerned should bring the fact of non-receipt to the notice of the International Centre by the 30th of the same month, in which the Journal/Focus was due to be received, to enable us to send another copy of the missing issue. If the fact is reported two or more months hence we are afraid, we may not be in a position to compensate as the stock of the same may be exhausted by that time.

(D) REMITTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Once again we have to inform you that nowadays it takes more than one month's time to have out station cheques collected. It will therefore be very much appreciated if membership fees are remitted by M.O. or by D/D on any bank in Pondicherry to avoid complication in bank reconciliation. Cheques above Rs. 50.00 may be accepted. It may please be seen that Cheques/Drafts are drawn in favour of *World Union* and *not in favour of any person or the office he holds.*

Hope that you will peruse the above issues and take suitable action for their disposal because we need your sincere cooperation for every forward step.

Then what you are expected to do—

- (1) To organise activities to fulfil the aims and objectives of World Union**
- (2) To open and maintain Membership Register in prescribed form.**
- (3) To see that continuity of membership is maintained.**
- (4) To remit renewal fees on due dates by M.O./DD or by Cheques for over Rs. 50.00 drawn in favour of "WORLD UNION".**
- (5) To inform of non-receipt of Journal/Focus as early as possible not later than the last date of the same month.**

With best regards,

**Yours fraternally
SAMAR BASU
DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY**

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

U.K. Centre: World Union U.K. Centre convened a meeting at the premises of Indian Y.M.C.A. known as Gandhi Building at 5:00 P.M. on the 3rd October 1982. The meet-

ing commenced at 5:30 P.M. More than 50 people were present. The Chairman was Mr. Gerhard F. Haupt (Chairman of U.K Centre) who said that he did not know how to express his pleasure to have Sri A.B. Patel here with them. Everywhere in the world there was trouble, human suffering, hunger and killing. He wanted to work and bring happiness and world peace. What should they do to achieve their goal? He invited Sri A.B. Patel to say something to guide them.

Sri A.B. Patel gave an encouraging and powerful speech and the spirit of the audience was stirred. He said that Sri Aurobindo had stated when he began his yoga in Pondicherry that he was not interested in personal salvation but wanted to raise the whole earth-life to a higher level. World Union is interested in all the Organisations that were working towards raising the whole earth life to a higher level, for world unity, world community, global civilization, synthesis of cultures and prevention of wars and violence. Thereafter he gave a brief report of the Provisional World Parliament held at Brighton last month. In his speech he said that there were many world problems which need solutions. Nations will have to part with a small portion of their sovereignty to have a world authority for solution of these world problems and to save humanity from disaster. He quoted many interesting writings of great men.

He mentioned five dreams of Sri Aurobindo and quoted Sri Aurobindo's declaration on the day of India's independence and said that what he had envisaged was happening. His third dream of World Union forming an outer basis for higher, brighter and nobler life for the whole mankind would be accomplished in due course. His other dreams were on the way to fulfilment. He said that World Union was doing preliminary work of achieving human unity and world peace for the further evolution of the human race, for the realisation of the Supramental for which the Mother and Sri Aurobindo had made tapascharya and worked. His speech inspired deep interest among the present, some of them prominent people who were Representatives from other Organisations and who felt that work of the World Union was meaningful.

Mr. A.B. Patel said that Sri Aurobindo envisaged a world union of free and independent nations in which unity in diversity was the great principle of life and freedom its corner stone and in which no nation would be subordinate to another though some might exercise a greater natural influence. His speech was inspiring for UK members and has given new hope and encouragement. He mentioned the two books of Sri Aurobindo: "The Ideal of Human Unity" and "The Human Cycle" which inspired World Union, its members and its work. At the end he gave a summary in Gujarati and the spirit was stirred of those who were not able to understand his English speech. The Chairman G.F. Haupt and Jayantibhai both thanked Sri A.B. Patel for his wonderful speech and assured that they would try and do their best for the work of World Union.

West Bengal Regional Centre :

Dr. Biswanath Baral, Vice-Chairman reports that the Third Zonal Seminar of the West Bengal Regional Centre was held on 26-9-82 under the auspices of Chandannagar Centre. The subject of the Seminar was "Materialism Vis-a-Vis Human Progress". Prof. P.N. Dhar

and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on the subject and Sri Samar Basu presided and concluded the Seminar. Sri P.N. Dhar explained at length the role of religion from the Marxian view points while Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the actual meaning of the word "Progress" by citing quotations from the works of Sri Aurobindo. Sri Basu in his Presidential address emphasised that man was not only the possessor of body, life and mind but also of some spiritual element which was latent in him. So his progress would mean progress of body, life, mind and as also of that spiritual element. But materialism did not recognise this element in man.

Sardar Patel University— Forum for Peace :

Dr. D.D. Jadeja, Secretary of the Forum reports that a talk on "Strategy for Peace" was conducted by the Forum on 4-10-82 when Dr. Gunwant Shah —Dean, Faculty of Ed. South Gujarat University spoke on the subject.

Dr. Shah emphasised "Many are conditioned to think that absence of world war means prevalence of peace. In fact it is not so, for wars—cold and otherwise are fought in the name of religion, race and sect." So, he indicated that for ensuing peace in the world one must realise that there was a cohesive force, which manifested itself as "LOVE"—binding people together. One must therefore, learn to love humanity. "He also added" we must also extend our area of subtle sensitivity by loving animals, birds and creatures."

Dr. Shah also informed what he observed during his tour to USA, Canada, UK and Japan. The Secretary welcomed the Guest Speaker and the audience. Dr. R.M. Trivedi proposed a vote of thanks.

Bhandarhati: It held its monthly meeting on 25-9-82 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Coordinator in the Eastern Region spoke on "EDUCATION" and dealt with various questions on Integral Education as propounded by Sri Aurobindo.

Bangalore: On the 9th September 1982 the members held its meeting. Sri K N. Jayaraman spoke on "Numerology and Human Behaviour".

Bon-Hooghly: It held its monthly meetings on 15-8-82 and 20-9-82. On 15-8-82 the members celebrated Independence Day and the birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo under the Chairmanship of Sri Kalidas Karmakar. Sri Pabitra Kumar Sengupta was the Guest-in-Chief and discussed the life of Sri Aurobindo. Dr. B. Bhattacharya spoke on works of Sri Aurobindo. It was proposed by Sri Sadhan Ghosal to start three Institutions under the guidance of Dr. B. Bhattacharya.

Sri Ram Krishna Sangeet Vidyalaya offered a musical drama on "Future of India" of Sri Aurobindo as composed by Dr. Bhattacharya.

On 28-9-82 Dr. B. Bhattacharya presided and Sri Dulal Chandra Paul discussed the Calcutta life of Sri Aurobindo. The Chairman concluded the meeting saying at length how the first three dreams of Sri Aurobindo were being fulfilled.

Chandannagar: On 3-10-82 "Sri Aurobindo Guidance and Parent Counselling Centre"— a social service Unit of World Union Chandannagar Centre organised a Seminar under the Chairmanship of Dr. D.N. Nandy. Prof. S.S. Boral inaugurated the Seminar. The main subject of the Seminar was "Mentally Handicapped Children". Among the Speakers Dr. S.P. Mukherjee dealt with the problem of those children and how to get rid of it, while Dr. (Mrs.) Sunipa Roy—a child psychologist, explained very nicely how to behave with those handicapped children. Sri T. Basumallick pointed out the necessity of educating the guardians. Lastly Dr. Dinabandhu Banerjee dealt with the social aspect of the problem. Sri B. Bhar welcomed the guests and speakers while Dr. B.N. Baral Proposed a vote of thanks.

Chakradharpur: The members celebrated the 110th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo on the 15th and 16th August 1982 with the members of Sri Aurobindo Society Centre. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Coordinator in the Eastern Region spoke on "The Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother".

On the 16th a special lecture-programme was arranged in the local Girls' High School (Bengali) when Dr. Mukherjee nicely explained the ideals of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. He also spoke on World Union as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo in a meeting held in the evening at Society Centre. The members also celebrated 'World Union Day' on the 20th August in a befitting manner when the members discussed the subject "Love and Oneness".

Karimnagar: It held a meeting on 4-9-82 under the Chairmanship of Smt. P. Parmathi when members discussed "The Ideas of Sri Aurobindo".

Thereafter the members elected Sri K. Radhe Shyam as the Secretary of the Centre in place of Sri B. Radhakrishna.

Mysore: At its 18th meeting held on 9-10-82 Prof. Dr. R. Sathyanarayana an erudite scholar spoke on "Hindu Culture and Human unity". Sri B. V. Balasubrahmanyam presided. In his learned speech Dr. Sathyanarayana indicated that Hindu Culture can very effectively contribute to bringing about World Unity because it believes in unity among diversities. He also explained that the outstanding feature of Hindu Culture were tolerance, freedom of the individual, spiritual quest and the concept of human unity.

New Alipur: The members held its monthly meetings on 2-9-82 and 7-10-82. On 2-9-82 the meeting started with tape-recorded music of Sri Tinkori Banerjee. Thereafter Smt. Mira Mukherjee read out passages from Sri Aurobindo and the Mother regarding the spiritual value of art. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained "Supra-rational Beauty".

On 7-10-82 Smt. Mira Mukherjee recited five poems from Tatsat. Sri Indubhusan Sinha Roy spoke on Integral Yoga and Dr. Mukherjee intimated the members all about the 7th Triennial Conference.

North Calcutta: In its 102nd monthly meeting held on 20-9-82 its Guest Speaker Sri Satya Basu—Secretary, Sri Aurobindo Pathamandir spoke on "Sri Aurobindo Ashram and Viswa Yoga". Sri Basu explained the significance of the formation of Sri Aurobindo Ashram

by the Mother in the context of everchanging earth atmosphere. He also emphasised that the Sadhana undertaken by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother was not only quite appropriate to the modern world but also it had tremendous ameliorating impact upon world consciousness and that was why its influence was being felt directly or indirectly all over the world.

On 9-9-82 it held a special meeting to welcome Sri Tinkari Banerjee a well-known Musician of Sri Aurobindo Ashram who offered 15 songs all devotional and self tuned. A serene atmosphere prevailed all through.

In its Study Circle meeting held on 11-9-82 Sri Sujit Palit continued his discussion from "The Mother".

Raghunathpur: It held its monthly meeting on 4-9-82 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on "World Union and the U.N.O." and emphasised that the present condition of the world would have to be changed to establish world unity and that change could not be brought about by men if they would continue to remain in the same state of consciousness. Men should therefore, change themselves by practising yoga.

Salt Lake: In its monthly meeting held on 9-10-82 it conducted a brief discussion on basic spiritual education and the necessity for its continuity in Higher Education—in colleges and universities.

Sodepur: It held its monthly meeting on 11-9-82 when the Guest Speaker Sri Pabitra Sengupta presided and spoke on the "Ideal of Karma in Human Society". Other members participated in the discussion. Sri R.K. Goswami spoke on "Sri Aurobindo's Karmadhara".

Sunderika: It celebrated the birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo on 15-8-82 with the national anthem. The members paid homage to the martyrs. Sri Aurobindo's early life and his revolutionary role were narrated. Then the Secretary discussed the problem of Education in the context of the idea of nation building.

Sri Ma Sinthi: It held its monthly meetings on 14th August, 12th September and 9th October 1982. The members of the Centres attended the Sri Aurobindo Jayanti Celebration held at Mahajati Sadan, Calcutta.

14-8-82 — Sri C.L. Goswami discussed Life Divine and Yoga of Sri Aurobindo.

12-9-82 — Sri Bibhuti Sengupta spoke on Sri Ramakrishna and Sri Aurobindo.

9-10-82 — The members condoled the sad demise of Shri H. V. Kamath who played a very important role in the Movement of the W.C.P.A. to form a World Government.

Uttarpara: The members held its 108th monthly meeting on 11-9-82 when "The Mother and Her Powers to Effect World Union" was discussed by Sri S. K. Gupta, Sri N. B.

Nandy presided. Sri Srinivas Chatterjee also spoke at length on the subject and explained the spiritual significance of struggle—that was going on in the subtle physical world and indicated how the Victory of Gods over Asuras would come.

New Centre:

Maithon Centre: This Centre was opened under the inspiration and guidance of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee on 18th September 1982. The Chairman is Sri Bijoy Banerjee. The Secretary is Sri S.P. Majumdar and the address of the Centre is: World Union Maithon Centre, Office of AD.CE (TSC), DVC Maithon, P.O. MAITHON DAM 828207 Dist: Dhanbad (Bihar State).

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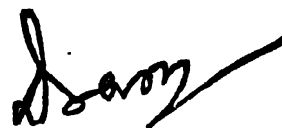
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CORRIGENDUM

It is seen that in the August 1982 Focus there was a clerical error in the report of the Second Zonal Seminar held by West Bengal Regional Centre.

The Seminar was presided over by Dr. Dwijesh Majumdar and not by Dr. B.K. Dey as published.

We are sorry for this error of commission.

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All of history has been leading to the present moment of decision. Ours is not a time to surrender imagination and courage. It is, above all, a time to affirm and take bold initiatives toward the emergence of a new era in the whole earth community.

**Gerald and Patricia Mische
TOWARD A HUMAN WORLD ORDER**

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

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Concluding Press Release

Nuclear weapons are now universally outlawed! This is the news which people everywhere, concerned with threats to their survival, are waiting to hear. Following the failure of the Second Special Session of the U.N. on Disarmament in June and the inability of decades of anti-nuclear protests to halt the arms race, the Provisional World Parliament, convened under the Constitution for the Federation of Earth from 4 to 17th September, 1982, has shown the way to survival. In 14 days of continuous sessions, the Provisional World Parliament not only made it clear that it is time for people to take charge of world affairs, but also provided the specific means to do so.

In its first legislative action on September 11, the Parliament enacted into world law unanimously "Word Legislative Bill Number one: "TO OUTLAW NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND TO CREATE A WORLD DISARMAMENT AGENCY". As stated in the Bill, "From the date of adoption. . . by the Provisional World

Parliament, all nuclear weapons, and all weapons of mass destruction as defined in the appendix to this Bill, shall be outlawed in the eyes of humanity and under the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. . . After six months from the adoption of this Bill. . . any nation, national government, corporation, university, laboratory or other entity or officials thereof, found in violation of Section 1 of this Bill, shall be declared in violation of world law. . . and may be brought before any suitable international court or world court. . .for appropriate trial and disposition." National parliaments, cities, universities, non-governmental organizations, unions and individuals are asked to ratify and comply with this world law, as well as to elect the 95 members of the Board of Trustees of the World Disarmament Agency which is established to implement the terms of the Bill.

Delegates from 25 countries, representing constituencies of 4,000,000 people, attended the first session of the Provisional World Parliament, with the largest delegations from India, Nigeria, the U.S.A , and Canada. Included were M.Ps. from national parliaments, former Prime Ministers and Cabinet Ministers, lawyers, doctors, judges, businessmen, writers, professors and leaders of women's movements. Listed among the 140 Honorary Sponsors of the Parliament are both the President and the Vice-President of the International Court of Justice at The Hague, Dr. T.O. Elias of Nigeria and Jose Sette-Camara of Brazil, as well as two other sitting judges and two previous judges, including Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan, former President of both the World Court and the U.N. General Assembly, who opened the Parliament.

Elected Speaker for this first session of the Parliament was Sri A B. Patel of Pondicherry, India, former Cabinet Minister of Kenya and General Secretary of World Union. Elected Deputy Speakers were Dr. Lucile Green, philosophy professor from El Cerrito, California and Puran Singh Azad, editor of National Solidarity from New Delhi, India. Elected Secretary was Dr. T.P. Amerasinghe, advocate before the Supreme court of Sri Lanka.

As its second major legislative action, the Parliament established a World Economic Development Organization (WEDO) conceived in terms of using the several hundred billion dollars a year saved by disarmament in a comprehensive program of projects to serve the needs of humanity. To administer the WEDO plan, the Parliament relies upon a Board of Directors of 33 members, including 6 named by the Parliament from among its roster of distinguished Honorary Sponsors. Designed as the means to achieve the long sought "New World Economic Order", the WEDO Bill invites the first 21 countries which ratify the Constitution for the Federation of Earth and subscribe to WEDO to name 21 Directors. The remaining 6 Directors will be named by specialized financial and planning agencies of the World Government, when functional.

In another far reaching legislative action, the Provisional World Parliament reaffirmed the principle that the Oceans and Seabeds are the common heritage of the People of Earth. As stated in this Bill, the "First Session of the Provisional World Parliament. . . gives notice to all nations and to all people. . . that the Oceans and Seabeds from 20 km. offshore from any and all countries. . . are declared to be World Territory, and shall in future be owned, administered and developed as World Territory for the maximum benefit of Humanity." For this purpose, a World Oceans and Seabeds Authority (WOSA) is created. National governments are requested by the Bill to defer ratification of the so-called "Law of the Seas"

treaty, which at numerous points violates the principle that the oceans and seabeds are the common heritage, and requests them instead to accept the administration of WOSA, which will reclaim administrative jurisdiction over the proposed 200 miles exclusive economic zones.

To staff the agencies, organizations and departments envisaged under these and other world legislative bills, the Provisional World Parliament provides by a fourth bill to establish a Graduate School of World Problems, as part of a World University System. The Graduate School, which is to begin in the fall of 1983, is designed particularly to prepare persons to work on solutions to world problems in the global context of world federation.

At its last plenary meeting, the Provisional World Parliament unanimously enacted a crucial World District Court Bill, thereby providing the necessary avenues for the adjudication and enforcement of world legislation. Transgressors of world laws, and in particular the legislation which outlaws nuclear weapons, can by due process be brought for trial before the World District Courts which are to be set up under this Bill.

National governments, national legislatures, communities, states, provinces, universities, corporations, unions and individual citizens of Earth are now being called upon by the Provisional World Parliament to either ratify or otherwise participate in the implementation of these several Bills, as well as to ratify the Constitution for the Federation of Earth.

The Parliament has selected Khartoum, Sudan, as the venue for its next session in the fall of 1983, to which it is expected that many more delegates will be elected. The 1984 session is proposed for Nigeria, and India is the proposed location for an expanded World Constituent Assembly in 1985.

The driving force behind the organization of the Provisional World Parliament is the World Constitution and Parliament Association, a non-governmental organization with members in more than 50 countries, whose Secretary General is Philip Isely, an integrative engineer of Colorado, U.S.A. World Headquarters are presently at 8800 West 14th Avenue, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, U.S.A. The Joint Deputy Secretary Generals are Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe, Mahara Walauwa, Kadawata, Sri Lanka and Puran Singh Azad, 38 Northend Complex, Rama Krishna Ashram Marg, New Delhi, India. Co-Presidents of the World Constitution and Parliament Association (WCPA) are A. B. Patel, Pondicherry, India and Ing. Reinhart Ruge of Cuernavacca, Mexico.

World Legislative Bill Number One:

The Provisional World Parliament enacted as World Law on 11 September 1982, by unanimous vote, the above Bill: "To Outlaw Nuclear Weapons And Other Weapons Of Mass Destruction And To Create A World Disarmament Agency" at its First Session held in Brighton (UK) convened and organised under Article XIX of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. The text of the Bill reads:

RECOGNIZING that the abolition of war requires complete nuclear disarmament and the elimination of all weapons of mass death and destruction as the first priority for survival of humanity on Earth;

RECOGNIZING that any arms limitation or disarmament schemes or proposals which

do not immediately provide for complete and universal disarmament are inadequate and that life on Earth is not safe so long as any nuclear weapon or facilities for producing nuclear weapons remain;

RECOGNIZING that disarmament negotiations among nations, together with protests against armaments by people, have continued over decades, while wars have followed one after the other and armaments have greatly increased and continue to increase;

RECOGNIZING, further, the immediate and extreme dangers of nuclear war, and that as a consequence immediate action by an agency representing the welfare of humanity as a whole is required to take actions to secure complete and universal nuclear disarmament and the elimination of all weapons of mass death and destruction;

THEREFORE, be it enacted by this Provisional World Parliament in first session, September 1982:

I. From the date of adoption of this bill by the Provisional World Parliament, all nuclear weapons and all weapons of mass death and destruction as defined in the appendix to this bill, shall be outlawed in the eyes of humanity and under the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. It shall be universally outlawed and prohibited anywhere on Earth to design, engage in research thereon, test, produce, manufacture, fabricate, transport, deploy, install, maintain, store, stockpile, sell buy or use any nuclear weapons or other weapons of mass death and destruction as defined herein.

II. There shall be established within three months after the adoption of this bill a World Disarmament Agency, which shall have the authority and responsibility to implement this bill and to supervise disarmament throughout the world, for the purpose of immobilizing, dismantling, conversion to peaceful uses or otherwise elimination from Earth all nuclear weapons and other defined weapons of mass death and destruction, including the elimination of the design, research thereon, testing, manufacture, transport, deployment, storage, maintenance or use of any such weapons.

III. Until a more fully operative democratic world federation is established, the World Disarmament Agency shall be responsible to the Provisional World Parliament and to a Provisional World Cabinet which shall be created by the Parliament. The World Disarmament Agency (WDA) shall have a Board of Trustees of from 15 to 95 members, of which not more than 32 may come from any one continent and not more than 12 may come from any one country, with not more than one-third at any time from any single continent. The Board of Trustees shall determine the organization and functioning of the World Disarmament Agency in accordance with the terms of this bill and under the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, while at all times responsible to the Cabinet and Parliament. No nation may have veto powers in the decisions of the World Disarmament Agency.

III-A. The Board of Trustees of the WDA shall be composed as follows:

Upto 25 members shall be appointed by the Provisional World Cabinet or by a Standing Parliamentary Committee on Disarmament if the Provisional World Cabinet is not functional within three months from the date of adoption of this Bill;

Upto 25 members may be named by ratifying countries;

Upto 15 members may be named by ratifying local or regional authorities;

Upto 15 members may be named by ratifying universities or colleges;

Upto 15 members may be named by other ratifying non-governmental organizations.

IV. As part of the process of implementation, this bill shall be submitted for ratification and compliance by all national governments and by all national parliaments, together with an invitation for ratification and compliance by communities, cities, states, provinces or other political districts, and by universities, colleges, schools, institutes, labour unions, professional associations, corporations, cooperatives, other businesses, and by individual citizens throughout the world and of every country. The U.N. Center for Disarmament shall be advised of this legislation and the actions arising from it. The disarmament required by ratification shall be consistent with the provisions of Article XVII, Section A-9, of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth relating to paired ratification and disarmament.

IV-A. Individuals who ratify this bill will agree not to perform any kind of work related to nuclear weapons or other defined weapons of mass death and destruction, neither in factory, laboratory, university, government agency or otherwise, nor in any capacity in the design, testing, fabrication, transport, production, deployment, storage or maintenance of any nuclear weapon or defined weapon of mass death and destruction.

IV-B. Communities, cities, countries, provinces, states or other political units within nations which ratify this bill, including those areas already declared as nuclear free zones, shall be declared zones free of nuclear weapons and free of other weapons of mass death and destruction; and shall immediately proceed, within their constitutional powers and insofar as possible, to immobilize or render inoperable any such weapons within their boundaries. They shall also require the cessation of all design, testing, production, deployment, transport, storage or maintenance of any such weapons within their boundaries, and shall transfer control and supervision of any such weapons within their boundaries to the World Disarmament Agency for complete dismantling, conversion to peaceful uses or elimination, together with the means for producing such weapons.

IV-C. Universities, colleges, institutes and schools which ratify this bill shall immediately cease and prohibit within their administration or control any design, research, testing, training or any other work in connection with nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass death and destruction.

IV-D. Unions, corporations, professional associations and other businesses and groups which ratify this bill, shall immediately cease any work in connection with nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass death and destruction and shall require their members, officers and employees to comply so that none shall engage in any design, testing, research, production, transport, deployment, maintenance or other work with any such weapons.

IV-E. Each National Government or National Parliament which ratifies this bill shall require the immediate immobilization and defusing of any nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass death and destruction within its borders or under its jurisdiction or direction anywhere in the world, together with the immediate cessation of all design, testing, research production, transport, deployment, maintenance, sale or purchase of any such weapons and shall transfer the supervision and control over any such weapons after immobilization, as well as any facilities for production or delivery of such weapons, to the World Disarmament Agency for complete dismantling, conversion to peaceful uses or elimination otherwise from Earth.

IV-E (1) All governments are called upon to include in their penal codes the provision that the manufacture, possession and use of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass death and destruction are a crime against humanity and that any individual responsible for engaging in such activities, shall be indicated and brought to trial accordingly, by due process of law.

V. After six months from the adoption of this bill by the Provisional World Parliament any nation, national government, corporation, university, laboratory or other entity, or officials thereof, found in violation of Section I of this Bill, shall be declared in violation of world law and as acting as a world outlaw or outlaws and may be brought before any suitable international court or world court established under the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, for appropriate trial and disposition.

VI. To work out all necessary details for the inauguration of the World Disarmament Agency, this first session of the Provisional World Parliament shall elect a standing Parliamentary Commission on Disarmament (PCD). The PCD shall be composed of 9 members elected by the Provisional World Parliament and 8 members to be co-opted by the elected members. The PCD shall be responsible to and answerable to the Provisional World Parliament.

VII. To finance the work of the World Disarmament Agency until further financing is available, each country, state, city, local authority, corporation, university or other agency or entity ratifying this bill shall be asked for a subscription or contribution equal atleast to one percent (1%) of its annual budget if possible. In the case of countries, each ratifying country shall be asked for a subscription equal as near as possible to five percent (5%) of its last military budget.

APPENDIX—A

Definition of Other Weapons of Mass Death and Destruction:

Bio-chemical weapons, including nerve gas, bacterial weapons, mass defoliants, any other kind of poison gas or bio-chemical weaponry;

Fire bombs, block-buster bombs, anti-personnel bombs, cluster bombs, neutron bombs and other kinds of bombs;

Cruise missiles, Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, short range missiles and other missiles used to deliver nuclear or other weapons of mass death and destruction;

Bombers, military aircraft, and military aircraft carriers;

Battleships, military submarines and any other ocean launched weaponry;

Satellite weaponry or weapons stationed in or maneuverable from upper or outer space or the Moon;

Laser ray weapons and any other weapons which might in future be developed for mass death and destruction;

Delivery systems for nuclear weapons, bio-chemical weapons and all other weapons defined herein;

Delivery systems or means when used to convey military weapons across national boundaries.

(For further information about the Provisional World Parliament, the Constitution for the Federation of Earth and for more copies of this bill to outlaw nuclear weapons, write to: World Constitution and Parliament Association, 1480 Hoyt St., Suite 31/Lakewood, Colorado 80215, U.S.A.)

RATIFICATION FORM

RATIFICATION OF WORLD LAW TO OUTLAW NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND TO CREATE A WORLD DISARMAMENT AGENCY

Because of the necessity for eliminating all nuclear weapons from Earth as quickly as possible and for eliminating or converting to peaceful uses all other weapons of mass destruction, the undersigned does hereby ratify World Legislative Bill Number One to Outlaw Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction and to Create a World Disarmament Agency and will undertake to comply with the provisions of this Bill which was enacted into World Law on 11 September 1982 by the Provisional World Parliament, organized under Article XIX of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. NAME of individual, community, city, country, province, state, other political unit, university, college, school, institute, union, corporation, laboratory, business, association, non-governmental organization, church, group or other entity:

Address _____ Telephone _____
City _____ State _____ Postal Zip _____ Country _____
Signature of individual or responsible official _____ Date _____
Printed name of responsible official _____ Office Held _____

Further description or documentation of basis for ratification, such as resolution passed by the City Council, Student-Faculty Council, Board of Directors, Membership Meeting etc: _____

(Note: Any supporting documents may be attached.)

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION \$

Subscriptions to the World Disarmament Agency will be requested as soon as the World Disarmament Agency is operational. Meanwhile, voluntary contributions are solicited to carry forward the ratification campaign.

**Please return Ratification Form
and any contributions to:**

World Constitution & Parliament Association
1480 Hoyt Street, Suite 31
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ESSAYS INVITED BY WORLD UNION ON:

"TRUE UNION OF NATION STATES PRESUPPOSES WORLD UNION"

We are glad and happy to announce that the essay of Mr. Rene V.L. Wadlow, Editor "Transnational Perspectives", Case Postale 161, 1211 Geneve 16, Switzerland was adjudged the best and won the prize. We congratulate him.

The essay of Sri Suranjan Baral, C/o Dr. B.N. Baral, Dhara Para Lane, P.O. CHANDER-NAGORE 712136, Dt: Hooghly, West Bengal—a student of 16 years age—was adjudged the second best. We congratulate him and wish him a bright future.

WCPA LOCAL CHAPTER – WEST BENGAL:

Sri Nabendu Mustafi, Jt. General Secretary of the Local Chapter reports that the Local Chapter held a special Seminar on "The U.N.O. or A World Government" on 12-10-82 at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Calcutta, under the Presidentship of Dr. P.C. Chunder. Before inauguration the members observed two minutes silence to condole the sad demise of Sri H.V. Kamath who was closely related to the WCPA. A resolution on this sad event was recorded. Then the Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Arun Sil.

The main Speaker Sri P.P. Bhattacharya, Chairman, World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal spoke at length of mankind's aspiration for the realisation of the Ideal of Human Unity as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo.

Among others Prof. K.C. Pal Ex. President of the Local Chapter took part in the discussion. In his Presidential address Dr. Chunder very nicely explained the successes and failures of the U.N.O. He suggested that people should be aware enough of the lapses of the U.N.O. and to get rid of it, so that they may think of a strong global machinery to solve global problems.

Sri Karunamay Chatterjee summed up the speeches and concluded that there was no other way than to strive for the formation of World Government. (Nanya Pantha Vidyate Ayanaya). He also proposed a vote of thanks.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

West Bengal Regional Centre: Sri Swapan Roy, Secretary of the Centre intimates that members of its Executive Committee met on 10.10.82 to adopt among others the following important resolutions:

- (a) The proposal of the International Centre in regard to enrolment of new members twice a year as published in July 1982 Focus was accepted by the members.
- (b) It was also resolved that the annual price of the World Union Journal be in-

crossed to Rs. 20.00 without minimising Centre's share of 20% (present rate) to cope with the increase of the cost of printing and publication.

(c) To deal with the cases of non-receipt of Journal/Focus it was resolved that the Superintendents of Post Offices (on Zonal basis) be contacted.

Resolutions were adopted to revive a few defunct Centres to make them active.

The Deputy General Secretary of International Centre attended the meeting as a special invitee and took part in the proceedings.

Alambazar: It held its monthly meeting on 3.10.82. On being requested Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, Chairman, Regional Centre West Bengal a special invitee, spoke at length on the concept of World Union with reference to the purpose of the 7th Triennial World Union Conference to be held in Bombay. He very nicely explained the history of World Union Movement.

Bangalore: It celebrated "Gandhi Jayanthi" on 2nd October 1982 at 'Shiva Samudran' (a holy ancient shrine of Ranganatha Swamy). The Chief Guest Shri Justice Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau in his short speech emphasised that for World Peace and World Unity Gandhian path of non-violence was as relevant today and that the practice of non-violence in thought, words and action by every man was essential. Dr. Gopal also spoke on the occasion.

In its monthly meeting held on 9-10-82 Sri B.S. Rao spoke on Gandhiji's life and how he made difficult work an easy task.

Baranagar: Its monthly meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Smt. Juiphul Roy on 17-10-82 when it condoled the death of Shri H. V. Kamath and adopted a resolution thereon for its record. Sri P.P. Bhattacharya and Sri Parimal Chakrabarty spoke on his glorious role in the movement of formation of a World State. Members of Bon-Hooghly Centre also paid homage to the great soul. Thereafter Sri P.P. Bhattacharya reported the proceedings of the Seminar held by the WCPA Local Chapter on "The U.N.O. or World Government" in which he was the main speaker.

Bon-Hooghly: The members celebrated its 4th foundation day on 26-10-82 (Maha Navami) in a ceremonial way when members of Baranagar, Alambazar, Salt Lake and C.N.S. Centres were present. Sri P.P. Bhattacharya was the Guest-in-Chief who explained 'SAVITRI' in the context of the Vedas. Sri R.N. Guha Neogi and Sri Manindra Chakrabarty participated in the comparative and complimentary assessment of *Geeta* and *Chandi*. Sri Sadan Ghosal (blind) Principal, Ram Krishna Sangeet Vidyalaya attended the celebration. In his Presidential address Dr. B. Bhattacharya narrated the activities of the Centre from its inception.

North-Calcutta: It conducted its 'Study Circle' on 9-10-82 when Sri S.K. Palit read and discussed the principles of supramentalisation after necessary transformation as explained by Sri Aurobindo in the concluding passages of 'The Mother'.

It also held its 103rd monthly meeting on 20-10-82 when the Guest Speaker Sri Jagadish Ch. Das discussed "The Invocation of the Supreme Mother" with quotations from Sri Aurobindo's 'Savitri' and 'The Life Divine'. Sri Das's discussion on 'Mahashakti' was very much significant and befitting in view of the ensuing 'Durga Puja'.

Tamluk & Mahishadal: Prof. Tirthanath Sarkar, Secretary Tamluk Centre reports that Tamluk and Mahishadal Centres of which he was appointed as Coordinator, held two public meetings in 1980 and organised a book-stall for sale of books of Sri Aurobindo and Sri Ramakrishna. In 1981 they jointly celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti and from November 1981 they have been organising large monthly Conferences at Prajnananda Smriti Bhavan at Mahishadal. They are also publishing a Wall Magazine "Viswa Bhawan" on the occasion of these monthly Conferences. They decided to organise monthly Conferences alternately at Tamluk and Mahishadal.

In 1982 they celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti on 13th, 14th and 15th of August 1982 when they released a very attractive Souvenir Volume—"Viswa Milan" (World Union) and organised programmes to demonstrate physical, vital, mental, psychic and spiritual education and conducted an exhibition on the life and teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. The Mahishadal Centre is also running a library. Both the Centres are also conducting weekly Study Circle jointly.

Uttarpara: It held its 109th monthly Seminar on 9-10-82 on "Love and Oneness". Sri N.B. Nandy was in the Chair.

Sri S.K. Gupta opened the discussion and the Guest Speaker Sri Rathindranath Banerjee spoke in a very attractive way—explaining in detail what was actually meant by divine love and human love. He cited many examples from the life of Sri Ramakrishna to justify his comments. Sri Samar Basu who was there at that time concluded the Seminar emphasizing the necessity of practising Sadhana on individual level to realise what was actually meant by 'ONENESS'.

New Centres:

Puri: This Centre was opened under the inspiration and guidance of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee. The Chairman is Dr. Debendra Nath Dutta. The Secretary is Smt. Bidyutoprava Dutta and the address of the Centre is: World Union Puri Centre, Station Road, PURI 752002 (Orissa State) (the residence of Dr. Debendra Nath Dutta).

Bishnupur: This Centre was also opened under the inspiration and guidance of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee. The Chairman is Sri Pankaj Bera. The Secretary is Sri Krishna Chandra Bera. The address of the Centre is: World Union Bishnupur Centre, P.O. & VILL: BISHNUPUR 743503, Dt: 24 Parganas, West Bengal.

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We live in a miracle—a fragile, shimmering planet. God does not mean us to divide it, to fill it with arms and hatred, or to annihilate it with nuclear weapons or with poisons.

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God means us to continue the loving and living of creation.

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God wants us to work and laugh and dream, and turn our bombs into bread.

**Gerald and Patricia Mische
(Toward A Human World Order)**

The images of the earth from the darkness of space bring us to a new humility. We are not over the earth, rather we are part of it.

Gerald Mische

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

7th Triennial World Union World Conference Held At Bombay:

In the absence of the report of the Conference from the Organisers in Bombay, we give below a skeleton report. Report from Bombay will be published in the February 1983 Focus.

(i) General Observations: The Conference was well organised by the Organising Committee, of which Sri N.S. Rao was the Chairman and Sri N.S. Amin the Secretary. It was

a happy union of the delegates and observers spreading a delightful aura of Oneness for which the Organising Committee, particularly Sri N.S. Rao, deserve all praise and congratulations. The Conference was a great success.

(ii) Hospitality: The hospitality to the delegates and observers was of a high order and all concerned expressed great satisfaction at the arrangements made. The menu served was varied and an attempt to satisfy varied palates and food habits for delegates and observers from several parts of India was successful.

(iii) Contents: The overall impression of all concerned was that the theme "Earth Is One" was discussed from important aspects, viz. spiritual, academic, intellectual and practical view points. There was a general satisfaction and the unanimous approval of the final Policy Statement confirmed it. The friendly attitudes with which the Conference and Commissions proceedings were carried on needed to be experienced and the feeling of Oneness was intangibly existing.

(iv) Cultural Programmes: The cultural engagements were entertaining, enjoyable and refreshing. All concerned praised these arrangements.

(v) Delegates from abroad: One can legitimately question if it was a World Conference of World Union, because barring one or two there were no delegates or observers from abroad. We urge with emphasis that in future Conferences, endeavour to attract presence from abroad must be seriously made.

(vi) The Theme of the Conference: The theme of the Conference was "Earth Is One" which was considered in four subjects: (i) Conscious Evolution of Life on Earth; (ii) Ecosystem, Environment and Existence on Earth; (iii) Peace and Progress on Earth and (iv) Global Machinery and Methodology to Solve Problems and Conflicts on Earth.

(vii) Inauguration at 10:00 A.M. on 26-11-82: The Conference was inaugurated by the Mayor of Bombay Dr. Prabhakar S. Pai. The inauguration commenced with an Invocation by Smt. Krishna Kalle, after which Sri N.S. Rao, Chairman of the Reception Committee, extended a cordial welcome to all present in the Conference. The inaugural address by the Mayor of Bombay was encouraging and informative. Sri A.B. Patel delivered a keynote address in which he emphasised that the peoples of the world and their welfare must be accepted as supreme. It was an inspiring speech. The Chairman of the Conference was Shri Rohit Mehta who presented the theme to the Conference in an inspiring and instructive way. Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row presented the Chairmen of the four Commissions who dealt with the four subjects of the main-theme. Sri Amar Babubhai Jariwala acted as the master of the ceremony. The inauguration closed with a vote of thanks by Sri N.S. Amim, the Conference Secretary.

The Policy Statement

adopted unanimously on the 28th November 1982 by the Conference

This Seventh Triennial World Union World Conference organised at Bombay by the World Union Centres of Bombay on the 26th, 27th and 28th November 1982, wishes to state, after examining the main theme of "EARTH IS ONE" in the context of Psychological, Ecological, Sociological and Methodological aspects, that—

The peoples of the world must grow into a new consciousness if they are to bring into existence a New World Order based on peace, prosperity and human fellowship. The evolution of consciousness is a fact in nature, and in this process of evolution, man stands today at the level of national consciousness from where he must consciously move to a new state of consciousness—a World Consciousness, for World Consciousness is the foundation on which alone the structure of a New World Civilisation can be effectively raised.

In this development of a World Consciousness, peoples of the world must take into account the ecological and environmental factors of the earth. Man is an integral part of nature and as such he must function as a friend and an associate of nature itself. Any damage done to nature will ultimately recoil upon man himself. Having examined the psychological and ecological aspects of the problem facing humanity today, the Conference feels that the sociological nature of the present day crisis should be borne in mind, for it relates to the question of Peace and Progress of humanity. There is no doubt that without Peace there can be no progress towards the goal of creating a New World Order. The World Union recognises and appreciates the valiant efforts made in this direction under the guidance of Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore and Sri Aurobindo, and presently under the guidance of the United Nations. World Union earnestly desires to expedite this process.

In order to expedite this process in an effective manner, World Union is of opinion that global mechanism and methodology should be evolved so that world unity may not remain a mere pious wish but is followed up by a practical programme. The World Union wishes to state that for this purpose it is necessary to evolve a global machinery for creating, in the first instance world consciousness because no single nation however powerful, or affluent can alone solve world problems. It has become essential to create a global machinery to solve problems and abolish conflicts for the emergence of international spirit and outlook.

World Union wishes to state that the application of international law, attitudes resulting from higher consciousness and mechanical means such as administrative and legal provisions are helpful in the process of creating the global machinery.

World Union believes that it is necessary to expedite the evolutionary process towards a world unity by the emergence of creative minorities, for such minorities around the world can be very helpful in the process of bringing global machinery and methods into existence. The World Union is of opinion that mere criticism of world conditions and grumbling about events that are akingt place all around the world will not be of any help.

World Union believes that some form of effective global machinery is essential. It feels that all problems beyond the boundaries of national frontiers should be handled by a global machinery, and, for this an organised effort is essential to be carried out with courage and

imagination. A Federation of non-governmental international organisations working for One World may make a good contribution towards expediting the process of forming a World Government.

World Union is firmly of opinion that since time is running out, action must be taken immediately to implement above decisions in association with allied organisations, if possible or, independently if necessary.

World Union wishes to state that both legislation and education should be utilised as instruments for bringing to the peoples of the world an awareness of human unity.

This Conference authorises the World Union Executive Committee to do all that is necessary for the implementation of proposals indicated in this Policy Statement. In this connection it suggests that the Executive Committee appoints a Task Committee to evolve and prepare a concrete plan both for individuals and organisations with a view to making effective the principles laid down in this statement.

“Conscious Evolution of Life on Earth”—Commission No. 1:

On 26th November at 11:45 A.M. in the absence of the Convenor-Chairman Prof. S.R. Vakil, who was not well, Sri Aniruddha Smart of Surat acted as the Convenor-Chairman of the Commission No. 1. The report reads:

At the outset I must say that I am a very fortunate person as I was requested to head this important commission in the absence of Prof. S.R. Vakil who unfortunately being sick is unable to attend the Conference.

On 26th, the opening day we heard our Conference Chairman Shri Rohit Mehta delineating the broad outlines of the subject of this Conference. He in his lucid address made a very important point that while considering the question of evolution we have first to note that according to Sri Aurobindo there is first involution and then there is evolution. Sri Aurobindo's contribution to the theory of evolution is quite original and he has laid great emphasis on spiritual evolution, leading ultimately to the Supramental destiny of man.

Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee then read before us his learned paper entitled “Conscious Evolution of Life on Earth”. It was an admirable work done by Dr. Mukherjee and he made valuable observations in his address.

He read his paper fully and so I do not intend to repeat his performance but I would like to recall that he called on us to attend to the fact that consciousness is the bed-rock of all evolutionary process. Evolving forms appear to be unconscious till the evolution attains the stage of man, the mental being. Now he struggles hard to exceed himself and this is the beginning of conscious evolution. Dr. Mukherjee also examined in detail the substratum of ego and led us to the inevitable conclusion that self-knowledge, world-knowledge and God-knowledge is the sure foundation of conscious evolution of life on earth.

On 27th we diversified four concurrent commissions. We had two sessions. First from 11:30 to 1:00 and next from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. Many member delegates participated in the discussions that followed the reading of the two papers, one in each session.

Smt. Minu Roy stressed in her paper that whenever there arises a new possibility of growth, our old habits cluster around to impede the progress but nothing can for long resist

the force of evolving process and nature shall compel the adherence from man to achieve its goal—the Oneness of Earth.

In the evening Sri Peter Thomas read his paper "Can the Beehive be a Model for Man's Socio-cultural Evolution?" and drew everybody's attention to the symbolic parallelism contained in the analogy between the honey-bees and the society of men. He admitted that the similarity of points obtained only in the limited area but he showed that it was striking and the beehive can be a good model for the future growth of human society. The attention of the speaker was drawn to the lack of the important fact that it was not a conscious evolution; the life of the members of the beehive was instinctive, regimental and rigid while now evolution is conscious and progressive.

During the discussion I had tried to impress that 'Evolution is Liberation.' As evolution proceeds and becomes more and more conscious it continually goes on realising hidden powers of consciousness and thus liberates the imprisoned consciousness. From the stage of conscious evolution there is first the psychic evolution followed by spiritual evolution terminating into Supramental one. This is the real 'MOKSHA'. Then the salvation is not private, personal and other-worldly for one seeking soul here and another seeking soul there but it is eventually a collective liberation here and now a new race of Superman takes birth.

That which is involved shall evolve in its heightened form and a new life, a Divine Life shall emerge.

Sir, I would like to sum up the findings of the commission with the memorable lines of Sri Aurobindo from Savitri:

"This world was not built with random bricks of chance,
A blind god is not destiny's architect;
A conscious power has drawn the plan of life.
There is a meaning in each curve and line."

Ecosystem, Environment and Existence on Earth—Commission No. 2:

The Convenor-Chairman—Dr. P.J. Deoras.

In the absence of the reports of Commission No. 2 and Commission No. 3 on "Peace and Progress on Earth", we are unable to include them in the January 1983 Focus, but we hope to publish these in the February 1983 Focus.

Mayor's Reception :

At 6:30 P.M. on 26-11-82 the Mayor of Bombay invited the delegates and observers of the Conference to his Bungalow for reception. The Mayor spoke on the occasion suitably and Sri A.B. Patel spoke in reply. Refreshments were available.

Global Machinery and Methodology — Solve Problems And Conflicts On Earth (Commission No. 4)

The above commission was taken up at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, the 27th November 1982, when there was invocation by Smt. Krishna Kalle and welcome speech by Sri N.S.

Rao. This commission was inaugurated by Dr. V. Subramanian, Minister for Planning, Govt. of Maharashtra who made an effective and inspiring speech while inaugurating it. The commission was thereafter addressed by Sri A. B. Patel, the Convenor-Chairman; and by keynote speaker, Dr. (Miss) Aloo Dastur who made an able and effective speech. Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row acted as Rapporteur and there was discussion on the subject from the members of the audience. The report of the Commission reads:

The Commission IV on "Global Machinery and Methodology Solve Problems and Conflicts on Earth", examined the question from various points of view. Many speakers made a variety of suggestions. The Commission was inaugurated by Dr. V. Subramanian, Minister for Planning, Govt. of Maharashtra. Sri A.B. Patel was the Chairman-Convenor and Dr. (Miss) Aloo Dastur was the keynote speaker. Shri Rohit Mehta proposing the vote of thanks made a few important suggestions.

The Commission took note that in the modern age, there are several global problems such as the armament race, danger of nuclear war, population explosion, environmental pollution, pollution of oceans and poverty, hunger, malnutrition etc. The Commission also took note of the many conflicts around the world, open and silent. The Commission came to the conclusion that for solution of world problems and conflict, a global machinery was necessary for creating in the first instance world consciousness, because no single nation however powerful or affluent, can alone solve world problems. It has become essential to create a global machinery to solve problems and abolish conflicts, which are outside the boundaries of each nation, for which effort is necessary for the emergence of international spirit and outlook.

The Commission examined the application of International Law, attitudes resulting from higher consciousness and whether mechanical means such as administrative and legal provisions are helpful in the process of creating the global machinery or not.

The Commission came to the conclusion that it is necessary to attempt expediting the evolutionary process towards world unity by creative thinking. It was felt that a creative minority around the world can be very helpful in the process of creating a global machinery and methods to work it out. Mere criticism of world conditions and grumbling about events that are taking place all around the world do not help.

The Commission further came to the conclusion that some form of effective global machinery is essential and it was felt that all problems beyond the boundaries of national frontiers should be handled by a global machinery (unity) and for this an organised effort is essential with imagination and courage. A federation of non-governmental international organisations working for One World may make a good contribution towards expediting the process of forming a World Government.

Sri A.B. Patel placed before the Commission the work done by the World Constitution and Parliament Association of U.S.A., particularly the outlawing of nuclear weapons by the Provisional World Parliament that met at Brighton (UK) last September, 1982 convened by W.C.P.A.

At 6:30 P.M. on 27th November Shri Rohit Mehta spoke to the Conference delegates on the theme of the Conference "Earth Is One" and gave a very impressive, inspiring and informative talk.

On Sunday, November 28, a valedictory session of the Conference was held when Sri N.S. Rao made a welcome speech and the Conference adopted two resolutions presented by Shri Rohit Mehta, the Chairman of the Conference. The valedictory address was ably delivered by Shri Justice C.S. Dharmadhikeri of Bombay High Court.

Three Resolutions Adopted by the Conference:

(1) A resolution was adopted unanimously, the delegates and observers standing for a minute, on the passing away (Samadhi) of Acharya Vinoba Bhave; the resolution is as follows:

"The Seventh Triennial World Union World Conference 1982 takes note of Prayopaveshan (Samadhi) by Acharya Vinoba Bhave on 15th November 1982 and recalls the imperishable contribution made by Acharya Bhave to the ideal of human unity and cause of world peace and hopes that the ideals and message of Acharya in promoting human unity will find greater adherence and approbation in future and will continue to guide and inspire all who are dedicated to and are working for human unity and world peace."

(2) A resolution was adopted unanimously to mourn the passing away of Dr. Kamoooben Patel; the resolution is as under:-

"The Seventh Triennial World Union World Conference 1982 mourns the passing away of Dr. Kamoooben Patel, International Coordinator of World Union International and recalls her long association with the World Union International and places on record its deep appreciation of the invaluable service rendered by her both, in the cause of human unity and in the organisation of World Union International all over India and abroad."

(3) Jagat Sri: The Conference had unanimously resolved bestowing to Sri A.B. Patel the title of "Jagat Sri".

Fourth World Council Meeting:

The First meeting of the Fourth World Council met at 4:00 P.M. on November 28 and completed its Agenda. Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau was elected to preside over it in the absence of Sri M.P. Pandit.

World Union National Centre of India:

The meetings of the Executive Committee and of National Council of the National Centre of India met at 5:30 P.M. under the Chairmanship of Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau, Dr. H.S. Lakshminarayana acting as Secretary. The meetings completed their respective Agenda.

Auroville:

At about 6:00 P.M. slides depicting information and work of Auroville were shown for about an hour with very lucid and able commentary delivered in respect of each slide. The slides and commentary were impressive.

Eighth Triennial World Union World Conference:

We invite World Union Centres of India to extend invitation, as early as possible, to hold the 8th Triennial World Union World Conference sometime in the last quarter of the year 1985.

Silver Jubilee Celebrations of World Union:

On the 26th November 1982, the formation and the existence of World Union completed twenty four years. This is, therefore, the Silver Jubilee Year of World Union. All World Union Centres and members are urged to celebrate the Silver Jubilee Year in two ways: (a) Arrange a suitable programme for the celebration on the 20th August 1983 and (b) Canvass advertisements for the Special Silver Jubilee Issue of World Union journal, which will be a combined issue of August and September 1983.

MEMBERS' PAGE

Sri Purna Chandra Auddy, Chairman, Bhandarhati Centre intimates that the answers given to Subrata's question "How Peace can be Achieved in the Present Day World?" by a member in Pondicherry (published in the October 1982 journal) was read not only by Subrata but also by many other persons interested in the matter and they have all been convinced.

Now here is another issue:

Some one was talking about World Government. He was well aware of what happened in Brighton in September 1982. So, he asserted, "As things are happening all over the world, I am sure that before the end of this century some sort of a World State will surely come into existence." Then he asked—"If that be so, what will be the '*modus operandi*' of World Union. Will it then cease to function?"

Let the reply come from our members.

DIALOGUE (6)

THE BEST MEDIUM

The class teacher — Can any of you explain why do we offer flowers to God, to our beloved, friends and relatives?

A student — **A few days back my parents were discussing the same question. My mother explained—'Flower has got certain attributes very attractive. And they are latent in the word—FLOWER.'**

My father asked—'How?'

Mother explained:-

- F = Fragrance**
- L = Loveliness**
- O = Odour**
- W = Winning Power**
- E = Elegance**
- R = Recreation**

Father remained silent for some time. Then with a smile said, 'If I explain in this way —

- F = Falsehood**
- L = Lethargy**
- O = Obscurity**
- W = Weariness**
- E = Egoism**
- R = Retardation**

"But they are not with the flower."—I interrupted. But my mother did not reply.

Teacher — **No. It should not be explained in that way. But what is your answer?**

Another Student — **Flower is the key that can easily open the closed hearts of those to whom it is offered.**

The Third Student—**I think Sir I Flower has certain attributes which can easily subdue the forces of the lower nature.**

Teacher — **Yes, I agree; but I like to add a few words more. Flower is the best medium to carry what is good in you to those whom you offer it.**

(From a Member's diary)

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

West Bengal Regional Centre: Sri Swapan Roy, Secretary, West Bengal Regional Centre intimates that the Centre organised a whole day programme for celebrating World Union Day on 22-8-82 at Alambazar. 126 members from different Local Centres in West Bengal attended the celebration. With the hoisting of Mother's flag by Sri P.P. Bhattacharya who read out his written papers explaining the significance of the Mother's symbol, the celebration started at 9:00 A.M. with the song of Bande Mataram. Swapan Roy read out the message from Sri M.P. Pandit and thereafter group discussion on "LOVE AND ONENESS" was conducted. Sri Jayanta Mondol of Barangar Centre opened the discussion and several members from different Centres took part. Sri P.P. Bhattacharya after concluding the discussion read out Sri Aurobindo's poems.

In the afternoon session self-composed poems were read out by several poet—members of different local Centres. Thereafter group discussion on "TRUE ART" was started.

"World Union Periodical" an organ of the Regional Centre West Bengal published for the first time was distributed among members present on the happy occasion of World Union Day. In the cultural programme there were two musical dramas presented by World Union Sodepur Centre and World Union Bon-Hooghly Centre. The whole function was ended with the closing song of Smt. Sangita Adhikari and vote of thanks proposed by Smt. Minu Roy.

New Alipur: It held its monthly meetings on 4th November and 2nd December 1982. On the 4th November Smt. Mira Mukherjee read out from "Synthesis of Yoga" and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee read out an article on "Psychic Being" as explained by the Mother and on the 2nd December 1982 Sri I.B. Singha spoke on "Transformation of Nature" and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee told the members about the 7th Triennial Conference which was to be held in Bombay.

Salt Lake: In its 17th monthly meeting Sri Prafulla Chanda (an ex. Journalist) spoke on "Self-Development in the Elimination of Self-interest".

Sodepur: The Centre celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti and Independence Day on 14-8-82 in a befitting and sanctified manner. A portion of Sri M.P. Pandit's article on "Sri Aurobindo's Conception of Integral Yoga" was read out by Smt. Ranjana Mitra.

Motibagh: Sri J.N. Puri reports that this Centre in collaboration with the Mahayana Meditation Centre, Shantiniketan organised the following three programmes:

- (1) 29-9-82: Sri Kripa Narain spoke on "Life After Death" on the basis of Indian

Spiritual literature and heritage. He very nicely gave an account of the view of various authors and thinkers on the subject.

(2) 6-10-82: Dr. Anima Bose—a renowned historian and thinker spoke on "Buddha—An Apostle Of Peace". She gave an account of Buddhist way of life for the safety of humanity on the basis of Buddhist philosophy.

(3) 15-10-82: Dr. Karan Singh gave a talk on "Message of Sri Aurobindo". A large number of people attended his talk in which he explained the severity of present crisis through which mankind was passing and asked the World Citizens to become seriously aware of the disaster and show mankind the right way to develop the spiritual capability so that they might get rid of it. He also emphasised that the Mother India had an important role to play in this connection.

On 31-10-82: New Delhi and Motibagh Centres jointly organised meetings. Among others Shri Chhedi Lal attended when the Guest Speaker Sri Chunilal Goswami spoke on "Human Aspiration and Search for Peace and Prosperity". He spoke at length by citing quotations from Sri Aurobindo's writings particularly from the Life Divine. Some members participated in the discussion and then Shri Chhedi Lal spoke on 'Human Unity' as visualised by Sri Aurobindo. Sri R.K. Joshi proposed a vote of thanks.

Tamluk & Mahishadal: The Centres, jointly organised their 13th monthly Conferences on 7th November 1982 when the members discussed the messages of Sri Rama Krishna and Sri Aurobindo and thereafter staged a comedy of Rabindranath. It was decided that the Centres would observe jointly the Mahasamadhi Day of Sri Aurobindo on the 5th December in their next monthly meeting.

New Centre:

Wilson Garden: This Centre was opened under the inspiration and guidance of Sri B. Krishnaswamy, Coordinator of World Union in the Southern Region. The Chairman is Sri R.K. Iyengar. The Secretary is Mrs. T. Tarabai. The address of the Centre is: World Union Wilson Garden Centre, 450 Wilson Garden, BANGALORE 560027.

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NB. All Centres are requested to send the list of their members (both Journal and Focus) in the prescribed form as asked for by the Deputy General Secretary, in his letter to the Chairmen and Secretaries of all local Centres—published in December 1982 Focus. Until and unless the list is received renewals from January 1983 cannot be recorded in the New Register. This is therefore extremely important.

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General Secretary
December 20, 1982



THE FUTURE OF THE HUMAN RACE DEMANDS :

The thesis we have undertaken to establish of the drive of Nature towards larger Agglomerations and the final establishment of the largest of all and the ultimate union of the worlds's peoples still remains unaltered and this is evidently the line which the future of the human race demands and which conflicts and perturbations, however immense, may delay even as they may modify greatly the forms it now promises to take but are not likely to prevent; for a general destruction would be the only alternative destiny of mankind.

Postscript Chapter of
"The Ideal of Human Unity"
Sri Aurobindo

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Birth Right of every human being:

Humanity must become and remain aware that:

(i) Past evolution indicates that Nature and its processes have created larger and more complex aggregates for man's collective living such as City States, to Clan or Tribal States, to Regional States and empires, small or big; and this evolutionary process has now developed National States. One can legitimately ask a question in the words of Sri Aurobindo: "Whether the nation, the largest natural unit which humanity has been able to create and maintain for its collective living, is also its last and ultimate unit or whether a greater aggregate can be formed which will englobe many and even most nations and finally all in its united totality."

(ii) World conditions are entirely different today from any other period in the past, because science and technology, particularly swift transport and communications, have made this world very small and whatever happens in any part of the world affects the whole world. It has become One World.

(iii) The new conditions of the world have created for every human being a birth right to have human unity and world peace irrevocably established.

(iv) Time-Spirit, arising out of the new world conditions, demands that the interests and welfare of the peoples of the world must be accepted as supreme and as a corollary to

it one can legitimately say that an implied international law has come into existence in support of it and consequently individuals or collectivities (including national units) who injure or damage, in any manner whatsoever, the interests or the welfare of the peoples of the world and injure the birthright of every human being to have human unity and world peace are liable to prosecutions under international law in the same way as certain persons were tried after the second world war by tribunals at Nuremberg and Tokyo.

(v) Time-Spirit also demands that earth, ocean and space resources must be utilised for the common good of humanity and individuals and collectivities (including national units) squandering away these resources either in arms race or armament, or armies, or in research for deadly weapons, or in other undesirable manner are liable to prosecutions under the implied international law which comes into operation to safeguard the interests and welfare of the peoples of the world.

(vi) The great men of the world, particularly the best legal luminaries, must study and declare if the new conditions of the world have created the above said circumstances and the said implied international law in favour of the peoples of the world. If they are in agreement with this proposition the national leaders of the world must be warned of their liability to be prosecuted by humanity as stated hereinbefore.

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**How to Celebrate the Silver Jubilee Year of World Union (1983):
— a few Suggestions**

(1) Local Centres may celebrate the year either individually or jointly with other Centres according to their convenience by implementing one or more programmes as herein under suggested. They may also chalk out any other suitable programme for the celebration throughout the year either alongwith or in addition to their programme for World Union Day (20th August).

(2) Regional Centres and National Centre may also celebrate the year in their own way on Regional and National basis to cover wider area.

(3) A few programmes for the celebration:-

(a) To enrol educational and cultural institutions including both private and public libraries as Gift-Members for atleast one year (1983).

(b) To conduct elocution/essay writing test among School, College and University students on relevant subjects and award attractive prizes either in cash or in interesting, informative and educative publications (books, year books etc.).

(c) To stage 'One-Act-Play' specially written for the purpose and invite members of the public as many as possible to witness.

(d) To organise Seminars on subjects suitable and befitting to the occasion and invite eminent personalities to preside and participate and peoples of various walks of life to attend.

(e) To publish leaflets/pamphlets in English/regional languages for distribution among the peoples to make them aware of the Movement.

(f) To conduct exhibition/slide showing of drawings/paintings/photographs etc. relating to humanity's march towards its cherished goal.

(g) To get suitable articles written by any member-author/wellknown journalist or essayist in regional languages and arrange for their publication in local dailies or periodicals.

(h) To conduct workshop or camp with the youth to arouse interest in them so that they may be able to take the vanguardship of the Movement.

(i) To arrange for Radio/T.V. talk on World Union and its activities.

(j) To arrange for running permanent social-service units from any memorable day of the year.



**General Secretary
January 20, 1983**

MEMBERS' PAGE

In regard to the points raised by Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan (November 1982) Smt. Anjali Roy, Secretary, Salt Lake Centre intimates that members of her Centre had discussed the points in their monthly meeting. It was held that the issue was really a problem to the human society. Though from surface view points it may seem that human nature is unchangeable, yet human WILL is there which when infused can actualise its inherent potentialities and thereby bring about the necessary change. It may take time. But Sri Aurobindo indicates:

**"If the earth wills and the Supreme answers, the hour is even now
for the immense and glorious transformation."**

Sri D. K. Bhattacharya, Chairman, Alambazar Centre states with reference to the issue of August 1982, "Individual fails because he is ignorant of his possibilities About unique opportunity for a member of World Union the comments of our Chairman are cent percent correct for one who is conscious and sincere. Such a member knows how the earth is evolving and what is his role in that evolutionary process. He cannot but make an effective endeavour to become more and more perfect instrument of the Divine. And thus he will be able to approach to the next phase of a fairer and brighter world."

DIALOGUE (7)

LAW AND LAWLESSNESS

A Professor of a Law College read out a statement of a critic, "I do not know when man first introduced 'Law' to get rid of *Lawlessness*. But I do believe that Law and Lawlessness are two things necessary for human progress. Both are equally responsible or else they could not co-exist inspite of all expert endeavour of law makers to do away with the Lawlessness." Then he asked his students to comment.

Ramaswamy stood up and said, "It is true that if lawlessness be the malady of human society then law and thousands of code books are not its medicines.

Professor — Do you agree that lawlessness helped humanity to progress?

Ramaswamy — No Sir! because man's real progress depend neither upon any outer-law nor upon any lawlessness. It only depends on inner discipline, which can neither be maintained by any outerlaw nor can it be disturbed by any lawlessness.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Celebration of "SILVER JUBILEE" of World Union – 1983:

Several Centres in West Bengal started celebrating the "Silver Jubilee Year" right from January 1983 and chalked out various programmes.

(1) Sri K. P. Dutta, Chairman, Rishra Centre reports that his Centre enrolled six Colleges in Serampore Sub-Division and Ramkrishna Mission Training College, Belurmath, Howrah.

(2) Sri Sujit Palit, Secretary, North Calcutta Centre, intimates that their Centre enrolled ten Colleges in Calcutta.

(3) Sri P. K. Banerjee, Secretary, Uttarpara Centre, informs that their Centre enrolled six Universities in West Bengal.

All the above Institutions have become 'Gift Members' for the year 1983.

Bidhannagar: The members meet twice a month and conduct study classes on Upanishads. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Coordinator, Eastern Region spoke in its meetings in September and October 1982.

Chakradharpur: On 24th November 1982 it observed Sri Aurobindo's "Siddhi Divas" in collaboration with Sri Aurobindo Society Centre when Sri K. C. Mesram explained clearly the difference between Sri Aurobindo's yoga of transformation and other traditional yogas. Sri P. Chakrabarty read out from Samar Basu's "Present Crisis—World Union and Sri Aurobindo". Smt. Kamala Ghosal offered devotional songs. 'Sishuchakra' also participated.

"Annual Sports" of Sishuchakra was held on the 2nd July 1982. Dr. Rabi Roy read out passages from writings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother on Physical Education.

Maithon: On 21-22 December '82 Sri C. N. Sharma from Ashram visited the Centre and spoke on "Yoga of Sri Aurobindo". On 25th December 1982 Sri H. N. Majumdar, Chairman, Sri Aurobindo Society Centre, Calcutta, gave a talk on "Integral Yoga". Sri S. Dewan, Sri B. N. Dey, Smt. Minati Majumder and Sri Kumar Mukherjee participated. Dr. S. Mukherjee, Coordinator in the Eastern Region joined the group-outing of the Centre on 2nd January 1983 and gave a talk on World Unity. He also spoke in a group meeting on 3-1-83 about the importance of World Union Movement. The Centre organise weekly meetings on every Friday at the residence of Sri S. N. Chattopadhyaya.

New Alipur: It observed its 9th Foundation Day Anniversary on 6-1-83 when Dr. S. Mukherjee read out selected portion from the Mother's "Science of Living and Smt. Mukherjee read out a few letters of Sri Aurobindo on "Object of Integral Yoga" where Sri

Aurobindo pointed out "our object is not to become a yogi or Superman but to become a perfect Divine instrument." The meeting was attended by many new faces who appreciated Dr. Mukherjee's concluding talk on "The Concept of the World Union Movement" both in inner and outer fields.

North Calcutta : In November 1982 it conducted its monthly "Study Circle" on 13-11-82 and its 104th monthly meeting on 22-11-82. Sri Sujit Kr. Palit read and discussed passages from 'The Mother' in its Study Circle and in the monthly meeting he read out and discussed two treatises from Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. He gave much stress on the portions where Sri Aurobindo pointed out that the Spiritual age would be commencing with the vanguardship of the youth and the Mother indicated the radical difference between the mental and supramental consciousness.

In December 1982 the monthly Study Circle and monthly meeting of the Centre were held on 11th and 20th December 1982 respectively. In the Study Circle Sri Palit concluded his reading and discussion on "The Mother."

In its monthly meeting the Guest Speaker Sri Subodh Ranjan Maitra discussed about the disharmony and inadequacy of modern life.

Salt Lake: It held its 12th monthly meeting on 11-12-82 under the Presidentship of Sri R. N. Patra when Smt. Anjali Roy briefly narrated the proceedings of the 7th Triennial Conference for the information of the members who could not attend the Conference. She also referred the pleasant reception given by the Mayor of Bombay and the attractive cultural programmes.

Tamluk and Mahishadal: They jointly held their monthly Conference on 5-12-82 in observing the 'Maha-Samadhi Day' of Sri Aurobindo—with offering of flowers and incense sticks, devotional music in violin and of sacred hymns by the members of the Centres.

Formation of Southern Regional Centre :

Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, Secretary, National Centre-India reports that Southern Regional Centre comprising the States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra, Karnataka and Kerala was set up and started working as an adhoc arrangement from 23rd January 1981 when Bangalore Centre took up its work. Later on Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana formed an Adhoc Committee by relinquishing his office of the President of Bangalore Centre with the following office-bearers:

President — Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana

Secretary — Smt. Bhubaneswari Ramaswamy

Treasurer — Sri H. S. Narayana Setty

and twelve other members including Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao (President of National Centre).

The address of its office is that of the President being: Southern Regional Centre, 197, 7th Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar, BANGALORE 560011. This Regional Centre has drawn up a plan to visit various places of its area with a view not only to organise New Centres but also to reactivate old ones who are not functioning effectively.

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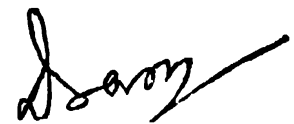
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The figure remains the same as published in the January 1983 issue.



Deputy General Secretary
January 20, 1983

CORRIGENDA

Regarding prescribed form in which the list of members is to be prepared please refer to the Deputy General Secretary's letter to the Chairmen and Secretaries of all Local Centres—published in the *November 1982 Focus* and not in December 1982 Focus as stated under N.B. in Jan'83 Focus. We are sorry for the error.

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24TH OCTOBER—UNITED NATIONS DAY

The Constitution of the United Nations Organization attempted to overcome the weaknesses in the working of the League of Nations, but the effort was not entirely successful. A strong element of oligarchy has been provided by the U.N. Charter as the right of veto by five great powers in the Security Council. A widespread feeling of futility has often been expressed towards this great and necessary institution which, it appears, has failed to fulfil the high hopes with which it was founded. The present functioning of the U.N. does not fulfil the high aspirations of humanity or even Nature's intention. It has to evolve into a world authority if it has to meet the needs of the world, otherwise a democratic federal world government will have to take shape by-passing the U.N.O.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Several Resolutions of the U.N. General Assembly are Ignored:

One hears legitimate complaints that some nations ignore completely the resolutions adopted by the U.N. General Assembly. There are many instances of that nature, but we wish to bring to the notice of the members of the U.N. a resolution which was adopted by the General Assembly on the 6th December 1971. The resolution reads:

"The General Assembly,

Conscious of the need to enhance the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Mindful that in its resolution 168(II) of 31 October 1947 the General Assembly declared 24 October, the anniversary of the coming into force of the Charter, as "United Nations Day",

Believing that the anniversary of the United Nations should be an occasion for Governments and peoples to reaffirm their faith in the purposes and principles of the Charter,

Declares that 24 October, United Nations Day, shall be an international holiday and recommends that it should be observed as a public holiday by all States Members of the United Nations."

The above resolution was adopted by the General Assembly, because Miss Dorothy Schneider of San Diego, California, USA, had urged the then Secretary-General of the U.N.O. that 24th October, the United Nations Day, should be observed by all member States as an international holiday.

Most of the nations of the world, either developed nations or Third World Countries or Non-aligned nations fail to observe 24th October as an International Holiday. Thus they all ignore this resolution adopted unanimously by the General Assembly. What grounds any of these nations have to murmur, grumble and express their complaints against any nations of the world ignoring or defying the resolutions adopted by the United Nations? They should be reminded of the proverb: "Physician heal thyself".

Annual Report of World Union for the year 1982:

The year 1982 witnessed the sad, premature and unexpected demise of Dr. Kamooben C. Patel, International Coordinator of World Union, whose absence is felt very much in the World Union work. She was a dynamic worker of World Union. Her loss has been diminished to an extent, as Sri Samar Basu has settled in Pondicherry and taken charge of the World Union office as Deputy General Secretary. His devotion to World Union work is great.

World Union continued in the year 1982 its contact and cooperation with other non-governmental international organizations working for human unity, world peace, world community, global civilization, synthesis of cultures, disarmament, prevention of nuclear war, etc. But its contact and cooperation with World Constitution and Parliament Association of U.S.A. is greater than with any other Organization in the world. Sri A. B. Patel and several Indian delegates participated in the Provisional World Parliament convened by World Constitution and Parliament Association under the provisions of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth and took active part in it. Sri A. B. Patel was elected as the Speaker of the Parliament. The Second Session of the Provisional World Parliament will meet in the last quarter of the current year in Khartoum (Sudan) whose Government has placed at the disposal of the Parliament a suitable hall for the purpose and has agreed to provide board and lodging free to the delegates attending the Parliament.

I am happy to report that fourteen New World Union Centres were formed in India, thirty three New Life Members were enrolled and thirty six persons became New Associate Life Members during the year. The Building Fund of World Union received donations during the year totalling Rs. 30,974/12 and also received a donation of Rs. 5,000/84 for maintenance and alteration fund.

A New World Council was constituted in September 1982 for a period of six years in which there are 118 members and New Executive Committee was constituted for the years 1983, 1984 and 1985.

There was an Executive Committee Meeting held in Pondicherry on 23-4-82 which did creative and constructive work. A successful 7th Triennial World Union World Conference was held in Bombay in November 1982, of which Conference report appeared in January 1983 Focus. We are happy to report that World Union has its own building which is named "GANGALAXMI HOUSE" and is No. 44 Rue Desbassyns De Richemont, Pondicherry.

Yet there are two World Union National Centres, one in India and the other in UK and we hope that other countries will take initiative to start World Union National Centres.

Forum for World Peace:

Dr. D.D. Jadeja, the able and dedicated Secretary for Forum for Peace, Vallabh Vidyanagar, has sent the following two reports:-

(1) Under the auspices of the Forum for World Peace Dr. Leo Elison of Colgate University, Hamilton (USA) was invited to speak on "Disarmament and Human Survival". The talk was held on January 21, 1983 in the Nalini Arvind and T.V. Patel Arts College, Vallabh Vidyanagar. Dr. D.D. Jadeja, Secretary of the Forum, in his welcome speech introduced the Guest Speaker.

Dr. Elison analysed the grave socio-political economic situation and peacelessness in which the world finds itself and emphasised that efforts to improve the extremely grim situation must be made in terms of knowledge, value and action. One is futile without the other, he added. Dr. Elison ridiculed the idea of science sans values and declared that science must be value-oriented. He called upon the thinking individuals to understand that the problem of world peace cannot be grasped in isolation from other problems and that integrated knowledge wedded to values must be translated into veritable action. He condemned the Super Power rivalry and arms race and expressed the hope that those who are wedded to the cause of world peace would get together and force the tormentors of mankind to put a stop to all that threatens annihilation of the human race.

Dr. S.V. Vaishnav proposed a vote of thanks.

(2) Forum for Peace, Vallabh Vidyanagar Branch, invited Sri Miraben Bhatt, Sarvodaya worker and Editor of "Bhumiputra", to speak on "Vinoba Bhave's message of Jai Jagat". The talk, which was attended by teachers and students of the University township, was held on January 24, 1983 in the Nalini Arvind and T.V. Patel Arts College, Vallabh Vidyanagar. Dr. D. D. Jadeja, Secretary of the Forum, welcomed the Guest Speaker and the audience and explained the why and how of the Peace Forum.

Miraben Bhatt opened her talk with a few anecdotes from the life of Vinoba Bhave and said, "Vinobaji spent all his life in bringing hearts together. Man's growing petty-mindedness despite his wide mental horizon due to the advancement in science always worried the "Conscience of Humanity, who wanted science to be used for the good of all and condemned its use for the extinction of human race. It distressed him to find conscienceless Big Powers paying lip service to the cause of world peace without ever sincerely trying to promote it."

Miraben recalled how grateful Vinobaji was to plants, trees and clouds which though fed on manure and salty water would give of their best to us. He advised human beings to shed "to have" and march towards "to be" she added. "The apostle of peace and goodwill walked through out our vast country, mingled with the holy and the lowly and spread the message of Jai Jagat by teaching humanity to shun petty-mindedness and jealousy and cultivate concernedness and sensitivity."

Shri S.K. Parikh thanked Miraben and the audience.

Silver Jubilee Celebrations of World Union:

The following circular letter has been sent to all World Union Centres and members of the Executive Committee and interested individuals. We hope and trust that adequate and necessary response will be received from all concerned.

Dear Friends,

World Union was constituted as an organisation on the 26th December 1958 and therefore its Silver Jubilee Year is from the 26th November 1982 to 26th November 1983.

World Union, a charitable institution, primarily working for unity, peace and progress on a spiritual foundation, believes that the ordinary humanitarian motivation is inadequate to do away with the current world-crisis. Mankind must realise that all life is one and that unity is already a fact which must be manifested on every level of life to achieve integral fulfilment.

The inspiration for the founding of World Union stemmed from Sri Aurobindo's "THE IDEAL OF HUMAN UNITY" which declares the inevitability—in the process of evolution—of a World Government to work as an outer basis for the accomplishment of human unity in a Free World Union.

World Union requests each of you to celebrate the Silver Jubilee Year of World Union on or about 20th August 1983, World Union Day or according to their convenience at any time during the above period, and to send advertisements for the Special Joint Issue of World Union for August and September 1983. The tariff for the advertisement in the Special Issue is:

- (a) Rs. 500.00 for full-page
- (b) Rs. 250.00 for half-page
- (c) Rs. 150.00 for quarter-page
- (d) Rs. 700.00 for inside back cover page

We shall be grateful if you kindly send as early as possible the advertisements for the Special Issue specifying the data. (Last date of receiving is 30th June 1983).



**General Secretary
February 15, 1983**

MEMBERS' PAGE

It is a fact that many World Union Centres were set up after the Fourth Triennial Conference held here in Pondicherry in December 1973. So, many members are not aware of the Integrated Statement, that is to say, the deliberation of the Conference. Because the subject discussed in the Conference was "WORLD UNITY—THE CONCEPT AND PRACTICE", it is necessary that all members, irrespective of their being enrolled as such before or after 1973, should know and fully understand the "Panch Sil" of World Union as explained in the Integrated Statement so that they may practise them.

Now, in this Silver Jubilee Year (1983) that is to say, after the first decade of that Conference, it is worthwhile to recollect the significance of "Panch Sil" as indicated in the deliberation. It will be very much encouraging if the elder members, who had the opportunity to attend the Conference, came forward and explain to their younger collaborators, the significance of the Panch Sil of World Union:

- (1) Diversities without Divisiveness,
- (2) Unity without Uniformity,
- (3) Integration without Compromise,
- (4) Uniqueness without Superiority, and
- (5) Co-existence without Constriction.

Let the elders come and explain.

DIALOGUE (8)

TWO BOYS AND A FATHER

Coming back from market the father was relaxing in his drawing room.
His soon aged about 12 came and told,—

Pappa, a boy is standing at our door. Perhaps he is hungry.

Father — Ah! Don't disturb me. Tell him not to be hungry.

Son — Without having food how shall he become—

Father — Then tell him to acquire food.

Son — But he has got no money. How shall he acquire food?

Father — Then tell him to earn money.

Son — You please give him some.

Father — Then tell me wherefrom shall I get?

Son — You have got your purse in your desk in the bed room; therefrom you will get.

The father was quite sure that it was not there but in his pant's pocket. So, he asked his son 'Then fetch it to me.'

The son went away and soon came back and said,
'Pappa—it was not there.'

Just at that moment the boy who was standing outside the door came in and said—
"Sir! here is your purse."

The father sprang up and said, 'How have you got it?'

The boy,—'It fell from your pocket while you were riding on the cycle. I saw it and picked it up but you drove so fast that I could not give it back to you. So I ran and ran. At last I found from very far that you entered into this house. Please take it.'

The father took the purse opened it and examined. It was all right. Then he said, perhaps you are thirsty.

The boy, 'Yes, I am!'

Father, 'Then have a glass of cold-drink.'

The son suddenly whispered—Pappa ! Shall I ask him to quench his thirst elsewhere?

Father, Oh! naughty boy, please keep quiet.

From a Member's Diary

After all, the best way to make humanity progress is to move on oneself,—that may sound either individualistic or egoistic, but it isn't: it is only common sense. As the Gita says:

"Whatever the best do is taken as the mode! by the rest."

There are always unregenerate parts tugging people backwards and who is not divided? But it is best to put one's trust in the soul, the spark of the Divine within and foster that till it rises into a sufficient flame.

Sri Aurobindo

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bally: It held its monthly meeting on 25-12-82 (last Saturday) as decided earlier. Because the day was an auspicious one – being X'Mas day the members paid homage to the "Son of God" at the outset. Thereafter with recital of Vedic hymns and devotional songs by Sumita Chatterjee and Manjusri Sarkhel the meeting started when Sri Ashok Chatterjee read out Nolinida's "Manus Bhajan" (Man Workshop).

Bon-Hooghly: In its monthly meeting held on 8.1 83 under the Presidentship of P.K. Sengupta Dr. B. Bhattacharya reported the proceedings of the 7th Triennial Conference. Smt Minu Roy, Secretary, Alambazar Centre, the Guest-in-Chief of the meeting also narrated her observations regarding the theme of the Conference. Sarbasri J.C. Paul, D.N. Biswas, D.C. Paul, R. Chakrabarty and members of Alambazar Centre took part in the discussion. In his Presidential address Sri Sengupta spoke at length and pointed out that it was the destiny of India that she would take the leadership of non-alignment movement which would end in World Union. Km. Banashree Bhattacharya and Sri Sadhan Ch. Ghosal (blind) offered opening and concluding song respectively.

Central Calcutta: The first meeting of the Centre was held on 29-12-82. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Sri P.P. Bhattacharya and Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya among other distinguished guests attended the meeting. It was decided that a symposium on "Human Unity in the light of Sri Aurobindo" would be conducted in the second week of March 1983.

New Delhi: Sri J.N. Puri reports that New Delhi Centre organised the following functions in collaboration with Tushita Mahayan Meditation Centre and Vishwa Yubak Kendra:-

3-1-83 — Swami Yuktananda spoke on his recent visit to North America and U.S.S.R. and shared the information on the urge among Russian citizens to acquire spiritual education and knowledge.

5-1-83 — Sri Girdharilal Puri spoke on "Afghanistan's Role in making Buddhism—a World Religion."

12-1-83— A young group belonging to different countries conducted a special video display on the topic "Hidden Power on Sound."

19-1-83 – Mrs. Jenny Chambers, a psychologist gave a very educative and illustrative talk on "Western Psychology and Buddhism."

It also fixed up its February programme in collaboration with Tushita Mahayan Meditation Centre- Sri Puri also reported certain points raised in course of discussion in the Conference on "Moral & Spiritual Values in Education" held during 8th and 9th January 1983 by Dr. Karan Singh as they would enthuse the members of World Union to become conscious of their tasks ahead. The points were:-

- (a) How steps can be taken to promote kindness and compassion among mankind;
- (b) How human relations can be improved in the context of social, moral and spiritual values; and
- (c) How to promote awareness of the need for practising universality in all aspects of human life.

New Alipore: In its monthly meeting held on 3-2-83, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the characteristics of World Union Movement on spiritual foundation. He emphasised that widening of consciousness through thoughts and activities was the path. Smt. Mira Mukherjee read out self-composed poems. Sri Rajan Ganguly of Pondicherry Ashram recollected his personal experience with the Mother and gave stress of Her way to Karma, surrender and offering to the Divine.

North Calcutta: It held its 106th monthly meeting on 20-1-83. In his introductory speech Sri Sujit Palit explained the aims and objects of World Union and reiterated that individual and collective Sadhana should progress simultaneously to realise human unity. Then the Guest Speaker Sri Rajan Ganguly of Sri Aurobindo Ashram spoke on how the Mother and Sri Aurobindo inspired the seekers, devotees, disciples and common visitors and commented that the whole world was doing the yoga of Sri Aurobindo knowingly or unknowingly—the momentum being given by the Mother.

Rishra: It held its monthly meetings on 20-12-82 and 12-1-83.

20-12-82 — The members discussed matters relating to the celebration of Silver Jubilee Year of World Union in 1983 and decided that a leaflet on the objectives of World Union be published for distribution among peoples of different walks of life.

12-1-83 — The members observed two minutes silence to condole the passing away of Prosan Ghosh — a member of the Centre. The members then decided to hold a Seminar in April or May 1983 to discuss the concept of human unity and to commence regular study classes on "The Ideal of Human Unity" from the next month.

Salt Lake: In its 19th monthly meeting held on 8-1-83, the members discussed an excerpt of the Mother's conversation. The Secretary explained very nicely the purport of the conversation and the members felt enthused to realise how difficult it was for an individual

to become indifferent and how personal involvement and preoccupation in various affairs stood as stumbling blocks on the way to one's progress.

Then the Minutes of the Meeting of the Fourth World Council held in Bombay on 28-11-82 were read out inviting attention of all to the increase in the production cost of the monthly journal 'World Union'.

Sultanpur: It held its 40th meeting on 20-12-82 when Dr. D.C. Banik presided. The Secretary indicated that behind Sri Aurobindo's concept of World Union the dominating thought was to link up men and nations on the basis of common soul in the bonds of love, tolerance and co-existence as was elucidated in "Gandhiji's Spiritual Socialism" of which Sri Vinoba Bhave had had firm conviction. The subject was then discussed by several members. The result of essay competitions conducted by the Centre was out in which members of "Better World Group" won first and third prizes, the second prize went to a student of local Govt. Girls' College.

Uttarpara: It held its 111th and 112th monthly meetings on 11-12-82 and 8-1-83 under the Presidentship of Sri N. B. Nandy.

11-12-82 — The subject for discussion was "How Peace Can be Achieved in the Present-Day World." Sri Parimal Roy, Sri Rathindra N. Banerjee, Sri Amiya Mazumdar and Sri Srinivas Chatterjee took part in the discussion. Sri Roy stressed the need of actualising the ideals of greatness in our lives. Sri R.N. Banerjee asserted that unless we would strive for manifestation of the divinity within, real peace in the world would not come. Sri Majumder felt that the need for inculcating universal love to get rid of war, while Sri Chatterjee pointed out that complete peace would not be achieved in the world because the world was dynamic and some sort of conflicts would always remain.

8-1-83 — The members discussed "Materialism Versus Spiritualism." Prof. Buddhadev Chakrabarty, Sri Srinivas Chatterjee and Sri Samar Basu (who happened to be at Uttarpara at that time) participated, Sri S.K. Gupta also briefly explained that physical science actually reached a point where there was really no difference between matter and energy. Prof. Chakrabarty pointed out that materialism of the West was also an endeavour to seek the truth. Sri Chatterjee observed that the materialism based on physical science would one day reach its ultimate goal where it would meet with spiritualism. Sri Basu explained that Matter was nothing but veiled Spirit.

New Centre:

Banshankari: This Centre was opened under the inspiration and guidance of Sri B. Krishnaswamy, Coordinator of World Union in the Southern Region. The Chairman is Sri

K.P. Rao. The Secretary is Mrs. Girija Prabha. The address of the Centre is: World Union Banskankari Centre, 160, 7th Block, Jayanagar, BANGALORE 560011.

Datta Pukur: This Centre was opened on 30-1-83 under the inspiration and guidance of Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, Chairman, World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal and Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya, Chairman, World Union Bon-Hooghly Centre. The Chairman of the Centre is Sri Nalini Bhusan Mukhopadhyay. The Secretary is Sri Jagadish Chandra Paul. The address of the Centre is: World Union Datta Pukur Centre, Netaji Nagar, P. O. DATTA PUKUR, Dt: 24 Parganas, West Bengal.

Mandya: This Centre was also opened under the inspiration and guidance of Sri B. Krishnaswamy. The Secretary is Sri K. Nanjiah. The address of the Centre is: World Union Mandya Centre, Principal-Shankara Gowda College of Education, MANDYA 571401 (Karnataka State).

Beliaghata: This Centre was opened under the inspiration and guidance of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Coordinator of World Union in the Eastern Region. The Chairman is Sri Debendra Nath Sur. The Secretary is Sri Goutam Kr. Roy. The address of the Centre is: World Union Beliaghata Centre, 38 Suri Lane, P. O. Entally, CALCUTTA 700014.

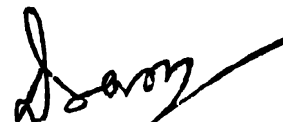
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NEW AGE - NEW WORLD ORDER

New Age is dawning. New World is taking shape. The world is passing at present through an era of bitter struggle between the forces of falsehood and those of Truth. The forces of Old World Order are resisting with all their might the forces of New World Order, which is taking shape firmly but gradually. It is an era when New Creation and destruction are simultaneously taking place with consequent chaos and confusion all around. It often appears that reason has abdicated its guidance to man and no higher power of faculty in man has taken its place. It seems that there is an unprecedented war or struggle in process between Divine Forces and forces of darkness created by man's ego, ambition, greed, lust for power, fame, name, publicity and importance and powerful attachments to acquire material things by hook or crook. Any one with positive thoughts, words and acts wishing the world well and sincerely and earnestly endeavouring to transform himself and his consciousness can serve the betterment of the world and humanity more than his running about and rushing about in the cause of service to humanity in the present world crisis.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

7th Triennial World Union World Conference:

A report of this Conference was received on the 21st February 1983 from Sri N.S. Amin of Bombay, Coordinator of World Union in the Western Region, and Sri Mahesh N. Vepari, Advocate of Bombay, for publication. It reads:

We have great pleasure in submitting the report on behalf of the Reception Committee of the Seventh Triennial World Union World Conference held in Bombay from the 25th to 29th November 1982. The theme of the Conference was 'EARTH IS ONE' which was discussed in four Commissions under the following headings:

Commission No. 1 — Conscious Evolution of Life on Earth

Commission No. 2 — Ecosystem, Environment and Existence on Earth

Commission No. 3 — Peace and Progress on Earth

Commission No. 4 — Global Machinery and Methodology to Solve Problems of Conflicts on Earth.

Approximately 300 delegates had registered for attending the Conference and the Reception Committee comprising of about 30 members was formed for organising the Conference. The campus of the Conference was arranged at Raja Shivaji Vidyalaya, Hindu Colony, Dadar, Bombay with the kind courtesy of Shri Lotlikar who showed great consideration and enthusiasm in making the campus site available for the Conference. The campus site was sufficiently large to accommodate not only the delegates, but also to make arrangements for their food and for the holding of the Conference and the meetings of the four Commissions.

Delegates started arriving from the 24th November 1982 and most of the delegates had registered themselves on the 25th November which was reserved specifically for registration. The delegates were given copies of Souvenir and attractive kits to keep the Conference papers. Food arrangements were made under the supervision of Smt. Deshpande who made very satisfactory food preparations which were liked by all the delegates. The delegates were served with tea, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner at the campus site itself.

On the 26th November 1982 the Conference was inaugurated by His Worship the Mayor of Bombay Dr. Prabhakar S. Pai who also delivered the inaugural speech. He in particular stated that the city of Bombay, being a metropolitan city, was a fit venue for holding the Conference of this kind. The inaugural speech was followed by a stirring and forceful speech by Sri A.B. Patel, Co-Chairman of the Conference, who delivered the keynote address, while Shri Rohit Mehta who was unanimously chosen as Co-Chairman of the Conference, outlined the theme of the Conference. Thereafter, Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row presented the Chairmen of three Commissions in the absence of the Chairman of the 1st Commission, Prof. S.R. Vakil, who was not present on account of his illness. The inaugural session of the Conference ended with a vote of thanks by Sri N.S. Amin.

After the coffee break, the Plenary Sessions of the Four Commissions assembled under the Chairmanship of Shri Aniruddha Smart *vice* Prof. S.R. Vakil, Dr. P.J. Deoras, Justice Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau. In the first commission the keynote speech was delivered by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee of Calcutta and in the 2nd Commission the keynote speech was delivered by Dr. Usha Mehta of the University of Bombay. The sittings of the Commissions ended at 5:00 PM and the delegates thereafter went to a Reception hosted by the Mayor at his bungalow in the evening. The Mayor made presentations to Sri A.B. Patel, Shri Rohit Mehta and Justice N.S. Rau on behalf of the people of Bombay. The Reception was followed by refreshments through the kind courtesy of the Mayor. After dinner a beautiful cultural programme was rendered by Smt. Protima Bedi who gave a performance of 'Odissi' dances. The cultural programme was very largely attended and highly appreciated.

On the 27th November 1982 the Hon'ble Dr. V. Subramanian, the then Minister for Planning in the Government of Maharashtra, inaugurated the Plenary Session of the 4th Commission, viz "Global Machinery and Methodology to Solve Problems of Conflicts on Earth". His speech was followed by the address of Sri A.B. Patel, Chairman of the Commis-

sion, and thereafter the subject of the Commission was thrown open for discussion by the delegates. The Commissions continued to meet in the afternoon and finalised their deliberations either in the Session after lunch and or after coffee break. At 6:30 PM there was a lecture by Shri Rohit Mehta, Co-Chairman of the Conference, which was very widely attended and well received. Shri Rohit Mehta spoke about the obstacles and impediments in the work of World Union, the super-powers' rivalry, the clash of economic interests, north-south differences, the need of restructuring international economic order and the preponderance of national spirit as an obstacle to the formation of an international authority as a precursor for a World Government. He outlined the steps which were necessary for the formation of the World Government and hoped that by the turn of this century the first modicum of the organisation of international authority would come into being. He gave guidelines and directions for the future work of World Union. In particular he referred to the 1st Provisional World Parliament held at Brighton (UK) in September 1982, convened by the World Constitution and World Parliament Association of U.S.A. in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. At the said Provisional World Parliament Sri A.B. Patel, who was the first signatory to the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, was chosen as the Speaker of the Parliament. Shri Rohit Mehta placed before the Conference the suggestion that in view of the unique and imperishable contribution made by Sri A.B. Patel to the cause of World Union and for the promotion of the World Government, the title of 'Jagat Sri' be conferred on him. The proposal was widely applauded and approved. The cultural programme for the day had consisted of the flute recital by Anand Murdeshwar who was accompanied on 'Tabla' by Omkar Gulwadi. Preceding the cultural programme there was also a vocal recital by Master Srinath from Carnatic.

On 28th November 1982 at the Working Session of the Conference, Co-Chairman Shri Rohit Mehta and Sri A.B. Patel received the reports of all the four Commissions and the said reports were thrown open for discussions by the delegates. The discussions continued and in the post-lunch session recommendations and resolutions of the four Commissions were incorporated in a Policy Statement which was integrated by Shri Rohit Mehta and which was read out at the Session.

Valedictory session of the Conference began by a beautiful rendering by Smt. Sridevi Mehta. At the valedictory session the Policy Statement prepared by Shri Rohit Mehta was presented to the Plenary Session and was approved with minor modifications.

The Conference passed two resolutions mourning the death of Acharya Vinoba Bhave who had made significant and lasting contribution to the cause of human unity and the death of Dr. (Kumari) Kamooben C. Patel, International Coordinator of the World Union International, who had made significant contribution of her life in the Organisation of the World Union activities in India as well as abroad and who had been virtually a Roving Ambassador of World Union. The Plenary Session stood in silence to pay homage to these personalities. After the adoption of the said two resolutions, the valedictory address was delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice C.S. Dharmadhikar of the High Court of Bombay and the same was followed by a vote of thanks by Shri N.S. Rao, the Chairman of the Reception Committee. Dr. Prasannasimha Row thanked the Organisers of the Conference for the excellent arrangements made by them for the stay and the food for the delegates. Dr. Row said that

but for these good arrangements the stay of the delegates would not have been comfortable.

After the coffee break the World Council of World Union met in the same place when its Agenda was attended. Chairman, four Vice-Chairmen and the General Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Committee were elected after Sri A B. Patel spoke and explained the Rule concerning the formation of the Executive Committee of World Union for a period of three years—1983, 1984 and 1985. Thereafter the meetings of the National Executive and the National Council of World Union India Centre were held, presided over by Justice Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau.

At night the cultural programme consisted of vocal recital by Pandit Bhimsen Joshi.

On the 28th November 1982 some of the delegates went on an excursion to Elephanta Caves and thereafter the delegates dispersed for their respective destinations.

From Reports sent by Sri J.N. Puri of New Delhi:

(1) Symposium in honour of Dr. Robert Muller of the U.N.O.:

For the last few weeks the arrival of Dr. Robert Muller of the U.N.O. was expected. World Union Centres in New Delhi, Indian Housewives Federation, World Citizens Assembly and All India Crime Prevention Society wanted jointly to organise a befitting function in his honour. With her keen initiative and drive Smt. Savitri Nigam fixed a Symposium at Delhi Public School, Mathura Road. For the purpose Shri Vasant Sathe, a Minister in the Central Government, was requested to grace the occasion. On the 17th February, 1983 the Symposium on "Global Security and Development" was held in colourful settings arranged by the students and teachers of the Delhi Public School. Dr. G. P. S. Wariach, Principal of the School, played a dynamic role which needs a special mention as the function was very well organised under his care and supervision. The Symposium started with welcome and eloquent address by Smt. Savitri Nigam, which address is published in this journal. Then Dr. Prem Kripal, Chairman of the Governing body of DPS, eminent thinker and Educationist of UNESCO fame, addressed the audience, including members of Diplomatic Corps. Thereafter the Chief Guest, Dr. Robert Muller, addressed the audience. He advised the students to guide the United Nations in shaping of the future world. He spelt out the details of the year 1985 having been declared as *International Year for Youth*. Dr. Muller appreciated much the true participation of children with a sense of devotion for the safety of the human kind. He advised the children and youths to imbibe the spirit of tolerance and love, the heritage of India—the land of spirituality and the cradle of cultures. Shri Vasant Sathe gave details of his deep association with United Nations and its various activities for the good of the mankind. He gave the details of the project he had earlier recommended to the United Nations for taking the United Nations to the villages all over the world by opening U.N. Clubs all over the nooks and corners of the world. Shri Sathe stated that in a way the whole mankind will come closer to the U.N. and its high ideals and both will provide feedback to each other thereby making this Planet Earth a place for prosperity, peace and happiness of all the people of the world. He reiterated that all over the world children should open U N. Clubs and 21st Century Clubs to think and work for the future of mankind.

Shri B.P. Nigam spoke and told the children to think globally and act locally so that all citizens of this world should join hands to remove all the present evils of violence, crimes and terrors of war from the Earth.

Dr. G.P.S. Wariach not only delivered the vote of thanks to the galaxy of Speakers but also gave a brief resume of all the important points raised and assured the Speakers that the teachers and students of the School would respond faithfully to all the suggestions made. He also gave details of the various activities already being taken by the School in various fields. In the evening a very sumptuous dinner was served in honour of Dr. Robert Muller at the residence of Smt. Savitri Nigam and Shri B. P. Nigam. That was a large and memorable gathering when gifts were exchanged. Dr. Robert Muller gave away a set of his two books to Shri Sathe, Dr. Wariach and others and Smt. Savitri Nigam presented a beautiful statue of Lord Buddha. In conclusion Dr. Robert Muller gave a very emotionally touching account of his pilgrimage to India and desired that India should lead the United Nations to serve the humanity still better. He also gave details of the spiritual meet he had attended at Mt. Abu and paid rich and profuse tributes to Indian Saints, Sages and spiritual leaders from times immemorial. In the present era Mahatma Gandhi and Sri Aurobindo have become phenomenon of our times. Sri J. N. Puri presented to Dr. Robert Muller a copy of 'GITA' by Sri Aurobindo and few copies of a small but wonderful publication "Ideal Child" by the Mother. Dr. Salim Saleem, Director, United Nations information Centre, New Delhi and other dignitaries also graced the dinner function and shared the joy and happiness of the eventful day.

(2) WAWF Asian Centre:

Rev. Toshio Miyake of Osaka, Japan, and President of WAWF Asian Centre, held the Conference of WAWF at New Delhi on the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th February 1983. The Steering Committee of WAWF Asia Centre met on the 11th February and Rev. Toshio Miyake sent out greetings on behalf of the Steering Committee. The fourth meeting of Asian Representatives of WAWF met on the 12th February and Rev. Toshio Miyake sent out greetings to all concerned on behalf of the meeting. On the 13th and 14th February the Round Table Conference for religious people in Asia met in New Delhi and on their behalf Rev. Toshio Miyake sent out greetings to all concerned. A press communique was issued by WAWF Round Table Conference for religious people in Asia held on 13th and 14th February 1983 when the subject of "Religion and Peace" was discussed at the Maurya Sheraton Hotel in New Delhi. The meeting was of the opinion that many and various problems in the world are culminated in political instability and economic impasse, also in India. The meeting agreed to draw up positively concrete plans for the progress of the Movement on understanding that so doing would coincide with the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi admired as "Saint for Peace".

(3) World Union Motibagh Centre:

Its meeting took place on the 30th January 1983 at the house of Sri J.N. Puri. Organi-

sational matters, programme for future activities, drive for increasing membership of the Centre and exchange of ideas among the members were taken up at the meeting. Sri S.L. Ohri was elected as the Vice-President of the Centre, Sri L.P. Rao as Organising Secretary for the Centre and Sri R.K. Joshi was elected as Secretary to maintain accounts. The participants in the discussion were Mr. Joshi, Mr. Srivastava, Mr. J.N. Puri and Mr. Gulati. Sri S. Venugopalan, the Chairman of the Centre, delivered an inspiring speech and referred to the attitudes of the students and teachers at present. The meeting referred to the Silver Jubilee Year of World Union and felt that the propagation of the ideals of World Union during this year should be vigorously pursued and each Centre must raise the number of its members, atleast to 25 members.



General Secretary
March 19, 1983

ORDINARY LIFE AND DIVINE LIFE

The earliest preoccupation of man in his awakened thoughts and, as it seems, his inevitable and ultimate preoccupation,—for it survives the longest periods of scepticism and returns after every banishment,—is also the highest which his thought can envisage. It manifests itself in the divination of Godhead, the impulse towards perfection, the search after pure Truth and unmixed Bliss, the sense of a secret immortality. The ancient dawns of human knowledge have left us their witness to this constant aspiration; today we see a humanity satiated but not satisfied by victorious analysis of the externalities of Nature preparing to return to its primeval longings. The earliest formula of Wisdom promises to be its last,—God, Light, Freedom, Immortality.

Sri Aurobindo

The world is as it is—full of smallness and obscurity—The Divine alone is Light and Vastness, Truth and Compassion. So, take refuge in the Divine and do not care for the smallness of the world, do not let it disturb you. Keep only the Divine Presence in you with its peace and quietness.

The Mother

MEMBERS' PAGE

The 7th Non-Aligned Summit in Delhi in the first two weeks of the last month were the burning topics among persons interested in National and International affairs.

A friend of World Union in Pondicherry while discussing a few issues, precisely commented—"Non-Aligned Movement, though appears to be the result of human endeavour, in actuality is a part of Nature's working in humanity and hence it aids our Movement to progress."

Another friend questioned— How? Ours is a spiritual and non-political movement and theirs is purely political. Then how does their movement help ours?

Let our members discuss this very important and significant issue.

DIALOGUE (9)

CENTRE OF KNOWLEDGE

A quite unknown person came suddenly before the veteran educationist while he was going on foot to his office and asked,—

Sir, excuse me. I have been moving here and there since this morning, but still I could not find out the way that leads to the University. I asked many, but none could provide me with correct direction.

The veteran looked at the man and remained silent for some time then said,—

I think you wish to go to the Centre of Knowledge.

The Stranger — Yes Sir ! University means Centre of Knowledge.

The Veteran — I presume you have been misguided. No, 'am sorry. You were not properly guided by your parents and guardians when you were a child. And you were not properly guided even by your teachers, relations and friends. Is it so?

The Stranger — Yes Sir, most probably. I am really a misunderstood man.

The Veteran — Not only you. All the seekers of true knowledge are misunderstood by the ignorants.

The Stranger — I have been directed to follow the ways which would never reach the Centre of Knowledge. I had to follow many paths, but still 'am in the dark.

The Veteran — Yes! it was necessary. All the paths have to be explored; then only the real path can be discovered. Peoples need experiences and so they are given so many conflicting ways of life to follow. A very few survive after exploring all the paths. And they are the vanguards of the future. So, let us move on.

The Stranger — Yes Sir, let me follow you.

The Veteran — Why?

The Stranger — Because you are a veteran.

The Veteran — No, Sir, come by my side. We are collaborators. The aim of our Movement is the same—to reach the Centre of Knowledge.

From a Member's Diary

DIFFICULTIES AND ATTITUDES

Do not be discouraged because of difficulties — Whenever one wants to achieve something in life, difficulties come—Take them as discipline (Tapasya) to make you strong and you will more easily overcome them.

Never forget that the greater the difficulties, the greater also our possibilities. It is only those who have great capacities and a big future who meet with great obstacles and hardships.

If we look at troubles as the most effective way to make us progress, then they lose their bitterness and they become easy to bear.

And when we know how to call the Lord in all circumstances to make Him share in all the events of our life, then life becomes an Ananda because He covers all with His delight!

The Mother

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Pondicherry: This Centre functioning without consistency to any rule and independently held its third monthly meeting on the 19th February 1983 at the office premises of World Union International under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.P. John. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. D J. Daniel read out the proceedings of the last meeting. Then the Chairman read out a few items of programme of work drafted by Sri R.B. Sompoora and the same was discussed. It was decided that in the next meeting the programme of work would be finalised. Dr. John proposed that in the next meeting a paper on "Non-Allignment Movement towards world peace and world unity" could be discussed. The proposal was accepted by the meeting.

Alambazar: This Centre organised a meeting on the 23rd January 1983 to observe the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Ch. Bose under the Chairmanship of Sri P. P. Bhattacharya.

At the outset the meeting condoled the sad demise of Satyaranjan Baxi, a close collaborator of Netaji. Then Shri Biswanath Mukherjee spoke on the life of Netaji with quotations from various books and journals. His speech was very informative and educative. Sri Arun Ghosh, Editor "*Desh Gaurab*" narrated some of his intimate experiences with Netaji. Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya and Sri Dulal Paul also spoke on the occasion. Sri Pannalal Maity, a *charan kabi* recited an extempore poem. Sri P. P. Bhattacharya in his Presidential address spoke at length explaining why the celebration of Netaji's birthday was necessary in the light of nationalism and spiritualism of Sri Aurobindo.

Then promising children of the locality were rewarded. Smt. Tripti Acharya and Smt. Sangita Adhikary who offered opening song, were rewarded for their proficiency in music.

Banshankari: The first meeting of this Centre was held on the 12th February 1983 when Sri K.P. Rao presided. Smt. Girija Prabha, Secretary of the Centre welcomed the members and drew their notice to the suggestions in regard to the programme of work for Silver Jubilee celebration published in February 1983 Focus. The same were discussed and the members decided to chalk out suitable programme for the celebration to Create interest among the students.

Beliaghata: The first meeting of the Centre was inaugurated by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Coordinator Eastern Region on 27-2-83 when the Chairman of the Centre offered homage to the Mother. Dr. Mukherjee spoke at length about the idea and movement of World Union. Devotional songs were offered by Sarmistha and Prabir Bose.

Bon Hooghly : This Centre observed the Mother's birth anniversary on 21.2.83 at Ramkrishna Sangeet Vidyalaya, Nandan Nagar, when Sri P.P. Bhattacharya presided. Sri Jyoti Bhusan Chaki was the Guest-in-Chief. Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya, Sri P.K. Sengupta, Sri Hiranmoy Ghosh (National Library) and Sri Sadhan Ch. Ghosal spoke on the occasion.

The students of the Vidyalaya organised a musical drama composed by Dr. B. Bhattacharya on "Future of India" as visioned by Sri Aurobindo. Km. Tutu, Jaimala, Banasree, Jhuma, Mithu, Sathi, Shampa, Minu, Kakali and Sagarika participated.

Chandernagore : This Centre has been organising regularly monthly meetings since November 1982 on 21.11.82, 5.12.82, 23.1.83, 6.2.83 and 13.2.83 in which Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee has been taking classes on 'Savitri' after completion of Canto. 1 by Sri P.P. Bhattacharya. Dr. Mukherjee started classes with Canto. II. Dr. B.N. Baral supplemented the discussion by referring the spiritual concept of Savitri as explained by Sri R. K. Singh in his article on Savitri published in "*CALL BEYOND*".

Devotional songs were offered at the close of the classes by Smt. M. Das Gupta, Km. Papia Mondol and guitar recitals by Sri Suranjan Baral—who was felicitated for his proficiency in the essay writing contest conducted by the International Centre. He stood second best. Sri Bhabatosh Banerjee and in his absence Sri P.C. Mukherjee presided in all the above meetings.

Kamarkundu : This Centre celebrated the Mother's birth anniversary on the 20th February 1983 at "Sumati Bhavan" when Dr. Nirapada Das, Secretary of the Centre discussed briefly the Mother's Life and Sadhana. He also read out from 'The Mother' (Bengali version) the Mahasaraswati aspect of the Mother and concluded his discussion. Among others Sri Sukumar Ghosh, Sri Santosh Manna, Sri Jagabandhu Das were present. It was decided that monthly study classes would be conducted on every third Sunday.

New Alipur : In its monthly meeting held on 3.3.83, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee after narrating his experiences of his extensive tour to different Centres in Bihar and Orissa read out and discussed the article "The Pragmatic Spirituality—The Divine Worker" of Sri M.P. Pandit from World Union journal. Sri Indubhusan Singha Roy spoke on 'To see things in their appearance and in their reality' and discussed the activities of the senses—mind, intellect and then the INTUITION—with relevant quotations from 'Rig-Veda'. The Secretary of Beliaghata Centre (newly formed) attended.

Puri : The first meeting of this Centre was inaugurated by Dr. S. Mukherjee, Coordinator of Eastern Region on the 28th February to observe the auspicious occasion of the anniversary day of installation of Sri Aurobindo's relics and Sri Aurobindo Dham, Puri. Dr. Mukherjee explained in a very attractive way the idea and movement of World Union by narrating brief history of the organisation. Sri Purna Chandra Mahapatra, Principal of the Academy of Integral Education introduced the Speaker.

Salt-Lake : It held its 20th monthly meeting under the Presidentship of Dr. R.K. De

at Sri Aurobindo Centre of Education with a view to disseminating the ideal in wider area. The meeting was attended by distinguished guests and many responsible members of World Union—Sri P.P. Bhattacharya, Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya and Smt. Minu Roy. The subject discussed in the meeting after group meditation was: "Does World Union exist only in Myth?" Sri P.P. Bhattacharya was the main speaker. Sri Arun Chakrabarty, Principal, Lalbaba College, Sri S.K. Roy Chowdhury and Sri Amareswar Chakrabarty took part in the discussion.

Sodepur: It organised a Seminar and a cultural programme on the 20th February 1983 to celebrate in a befitting manner the birth anniversary of the Mother which was attended by members of different World Union Centres in West Bengal. Sri P.P. Bhattacharya was on the Chair and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Dr. B.N. Baral, Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya and Prof. Ranjana Mitra (Secretary of the Centre) spoke at length on the occasion. The local athletic coaching camp demonstrated "*YogaBayam*" and gymnastics. A very attractive 'Dance-Drama' directed by Prof. Mitra was presented and self-composed poems were read out by a few members including Sri P.P. Bhattacharya. The celebration was concluded by a very fine programme of musical soiree presented by the members of Bon-Hooghly Centre. The Bengal periodical of World Union was distributed.

Sultanpur: It started celebrating the Silver Jubilee Year of World Union with right earnest with a meeting held on 9.2.83 at the residence of Sri R.B. Singh—an erudite social worker, when the elite gathering was introduced to the significance and import of a quotation from Sri Aurobindo on the occasion of the "New Year".

Sri Prabhakar explained that the lines had their deep root in the philosophy of Involution and Evolution as explained in the Life Divine.

The celebration of the Mother's birthday was the second programme for the Silver Jubilee Year which was held on 21.2.83 when distinguished scholars graced the occasion. The Secretary elucidated the life of the Mother right from her infancy of her attaining 'Supramental Light' on 29.2.56. Sri R.K. Jaiswal read out the message of Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal. Other Speakers on the occasion were Sri G. P. Pandey, Sri M. K. Sahi, Dr. H.D. Shukla, Sri Onkar Nath Arya. Dr. Suman the Chief Guest spoke very attractively. He was confident that mankind was moving to achieving the truth of the Vedic age.

Dr. D.C. Banik in his presidential address stressed that teaching of Sanskrit and soul-oriented education should be made compulsory for the inner development of the students all over India.

Sri Ma Sinthi: It held its 2nd annual meeting and 8th anniversary of Sri Ma Centre on 27.2.83. at Sri Ma Bhavan when members of World Union Baranagar, Calcutta, North Suburban and Chandernagar Centres were present. Dr. B.N. Baral presided. After reading of messages received from Sri Nolini Kanta Gupta and Sri A.B. Patel and group meditation, Sri Chunilal Goswami Secretary of the Centre, submitted (orally) the annual report in which he explained how the Centre was set up in 1975 and how in 1981 World Union Sri Ma-Sinthi Centre was inaugurated by Sri M.P. Pandit. He also stated how the Centre had been

functioning for the last eight years by holding its monthly meetings on every second Saturday of the month.

After devotional songs,—Sri Suhrit Gopal Datta, Sri P.K. Sengupta, Sri Parimal Chakrabarty, Sri Bibhuti Sengupta spoke on the various aspects of the World Union Movement and Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana. The Guest-in-Chief Sri Apurba Krishna Saha spoke very enthusiastically on the present problems of the country and its relevance with Sri Aurobindo's teachings. Dr. Biswanath Boral in his presidential address summed up the teachings of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo and the work of World Union Movement. Supriya Das Sanyal (aged 10) recited very nicely the poem of D.L. Ray.

With devotional songs offered by several musicians the meeting ended.

New Centres:

Andul: The Chairman of the Centre is Sri Anandamay Banerjee. The Secretary is Sri Chandra Kanta Chatterjee. The address of the Centre is World Union Andul Centre, Vill: South Poillya, P.O. UNSANI 711302, Dt: Howrah, W. Bengal.

Chelyama: The Chairman of the Centre is Sri Kali Kinkar Mukherjee. The Secretary is Sri Jagat Pati Bakshi. The address of the Centre is: World Union Chelyama Centre, P.O. & VILL: CHELYAMA, Dt: Purulia, W. Bengal.

Durgapur: The Chairman is Sri Saroj Kr. Mukherjee. The Secretary is Sri Sunil Kr. Dey. The address of the Centre is: World Union Durgapur Centre, 4/13 Short Road, P.O. DURGAPUR 713204, Dt. Burdwan, W. Bengal.

Santaldih Thermal: The Chairman is Sri Sadak Chowdhury. The Secretary is Sri Sakti Prasad Chakrabarti. The address of the Centre is: World Union Santaldih Thermal Centre, Qr. No. F/100/1A, P.O. STPP 723146 (Santaldih Thermal Power Plant), Dt: Purulia, W. Bengal.

All the above mentioned Centres were opened under the inspiration and guidance of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Coordinator of World Union in the Eastern Region.

Appointment of Coordinator in the Northern Region:

Sri J.N. Puri, Secretary, World Union Delhi Centre, 28/IV(308) Shastri Niketan, N.W. Motibagh, New Delhi 110021, has been appointed as the Coordinator of World Union in the Northern Region of India in place of Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal who resigned. Northern Region at present comprises the following States: Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi, Punjab, Harayana, U.P., Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.

New Life Member:

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Maintenance and Alteration Fund:-

The figure remains the same as published in the January 1983 Focus.

NB : It transpires from our record that many members attached to different Local Centres have not yet renewed their membership (renewable in January 1983). They are requested to get it renewed from April 1983. We admit that new souls should join us, but surely not for one year only. So, Centres should take as much interest in renewing old memberships as they take in enrolling new members. To maintain continuity of membership is the significant characteristic of our organisation. This aspect should be made known to all new souls whom we always welcome.



Deputy General Secretary
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UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Unity is not uniformity. The whole universe is based on diversity. No two living beings or two inanimate objects in the universe are identical. And yet the universe represents basic unity. Mankind must learn to accept diversity as an essential and wonderful element in life. The principle of freedom to grow is generally cherished all around the world. Each living being or inanimate object grows or evolves according to its nature. Every human being has to aspire intensely and to endeavour his or her utmost capacity to realise Oneness as the truest reality and feel joy of infinite possibility in diversity. In spite of the fact that every human being has to act surrounded by diverse conditions, circumstances, things and beings, his or her intense endeavour ought to be for unity to penetrate the superficial disharmonies of life. Only then "unity in diversity" becomes an important and dynamic principle and a guiding star in one's life. That is how it becomes possible to cultivate and proclaim a universal way of life centred in the dynamic integration of diversity within the individual and the collectivity.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

National Seminar on Unity-in-Diversity:

This National Seminar had been sponsored jointly by Experiments in International Living (India) and Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, the two well known organisations engaged in doing good work for the society. Many World Union members from Delhi attended this Seminar on the 31st March and 1st April 1983. Mrs. Savitri Nigam is an active person who not only participated in the Seminar but took lively, active and leading role both by her words and concrete suggestions. The Seminar was largely attended by participants from all parts of the country and everyone appreciated very much the theme of the Seminar. Justice P.N. Bhagwati, Judge of the Supreme Court of India, inaugurated the Seminar on the 31st March 1983 and he was the key-note Speaker of the evening. The Seminar was presided by Prof. Ramlal Pareekh, an educationist of Gujarat. Justice Bhagwati spoke at some length and mentioned the rich and verile heritage of India and stated that India is a Nation because

of cultural unity which is continuing from time immemorial. He stated that great scholars, saints, poets and spiritual leaders like Sri Aurobindo, the Mother, Mahatma Gandhi, Guru Rabindranath Tagore and many others have nurtured this great land by exhorting the nation to promote unity. He dwelt on the contribution of the four Shankaracharyas of this land who nursed this country from its four corners. According to Justice Bhagwati the basis of Indian culture has been renunciation (Tyaga) doing the work with full sense of dedication and seva-service to mankind irrespective of caste, creed, colour and nationality. He re-emphasised the need for our generation to address itself to the revival of these qualities and virtues of life. He condemned the growing tendencies seen today in the form of crisis of character, self-aggrandisement and advised the audience not to become the victims of the growing greed of power, position and wealth which are becoming all pervasive in one form or the other in social life and political life. In conclusion he advised the nation to acquire the great lessons of our seers and sages to serve and sacrifice.

During discussions held on the 1st April it was stressed that we should work more vigorously to make stronger component of unity in mankind at every level. Prof. Ramlal Pareekh's philosophy of working locally and of thinking globally was very much emphasised by all. Examples of the existing national unrest in Assam and elsewhere were cited and all the participants were requested to do their mite to remove such ulcers on the body of this country. It was emphasised that there is need for proper and moral education of the younger generation to save the nation from all disasters ahead.

With a view to express their concern for national solidarity and to support the ideal of Unity-in-Diversity Shri S.P. Mital, Member of the Parliament, lead the participants to see the President of India. The President of India was very much impressed by the theme of the Seminar and the work being done.

Newsletter from the World Constitution & Parliament Association's Sri Lanka —India Committee:

It is addressed to friends in the W.C.P.A. Movement and to those who attended the First Provisional World Parliament held in Brighton (UK) in September 1982:

On the occasion of the Meeting of the 7th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement here in New Delhi, India, we had a joint Sri Lanka-India Special Committee working to influence the 100 delegations participating. The Committee was headed by Shri Puran Singh Azad (India) and consisted of Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe, Messrs A. Hathy Sulaiman, Abdul W.M. Ameer (Sri Lanka), Mrs. Savitri Nigam and Mr. B.P. Nigam and Shri Gurudeep Manocha (all of India).

Several appeals were presented to the delegates:-

- (a) A General appeal by W. C. P. A. (International);
- (b) An appeal to the latin American delegates by Abdul W.M. Ameer, Consul General, Dominican Republic; and
- (c) An appeal to the African delegates by A. Hathy Sulaiman, Consul General for Togo in Sri Lanka.

In addition "Design and Action for a New World" containing the five bills enacted into World Law by the first Provisional World Parliament was distributed. So the delegates at the Non-Aligned Movement were canvassed intensively. Further, a big reception to Foreign Minister was held at the 5 Star Kanishka Hotel. We were able to meet and put our point of view across to a good cross section of the countries represented at the Summit.

We feel we have done well because unlike other Summits most delegates wanted the two main issues of Disarmament and World Economic Development to be kept in the forefront of the Summit discussions. A number of speeches made by delegate heads reflected views contained in our appeals.

The open letter we issued to Smt. Indira Gandhi, Chairperson of the 7th Summit, appeared to have struck an answering echo. The inaugural speech contained most of the material in our letter. A press statement was issued by us on 9-3-83 thanking her for this.

Of course, none of the delegates went beyond calling for Disarmament and World Economic Development. They could not be taken to the next step of calling for a Democratic Federal World Government. But Smt. Indira Gandhi has called for a world-wide Summit at the next U.N. Session. She has said she is concerned about "the future role of the movement".

We are preparing a review of the gains made at the 7th Summit with an indication of the line that must be followed if the gains are to be consolidated--either reform the U.N. or build a Democratic Federal World Government. This will be mailed to the Foreign Ministers in their respective countries.

It was the Brighton Provisional World Parliament, 1st Session, that enabled us to achieve what we did at the 7th Summit. The cooperation extended by all the delegates, observers and peoples lobby at the Provisional World Parliament sessions in Brighton gave us the confidence to act as we did at the 7th Summit. Each individual played his or her part and we are grateful.

We want the continued support and cooperation of all of you. That is why we are approaching you with this letter. We think you are all the creators and builders of this Movement.

Mr. Philip Isely is working to hold the next session of P.W.P. towards the end of the year in Khartoum, Sudan. Should he fail in 1983 we are sure it would be possible to make it in 1984.

If the 2nd session of P.W.P. cannot be held in 1983, we suggest that W. C. P. A. hold a World Conference in 1983 some what on the lines on which we held the New Delhi Conference in 1981. The venue can be at a point equidistant between Asia, Africa, Europe and North and South America. It can be in a place like Malta or Athens or Istanbul or even Mississauga (Canada). At this Conference we can iron out any internal differences and work out new plans for the 2nd Session of P.W.P. and the World Constituent Assembly in 1985.

We are sure we are all of one mind regarding the main issues:-

- (1) The need for ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth and its re-examination at the World Constituent Assembly in 1985;

- (2) A Democratic Federal World Government;
- (3) A World Parliament; and
- (4) The ratification of the 5 bills adopted into World Law at Brighton (UK) and printed in (Design and Action for a New World).

We invite your further cooperation by requesting you to send suggestions to any one or all the undersigned.

Needless to repeat that for us, the committed people, there is only one goal WORLD GOVERNMENT. Our goal is laudable but the journey difficult, uphill and covered with brambles and thorns. The only way we can forge our progress to success is through Solidarity. *Let us forget and forgive the shortcomings of fellow revolutionaries and work together with renewed trust, zeal and love for each one of us for our noblest goal of ensuring peace, equality, total disarmament and development for the entire humanity.*

With all good wishes.

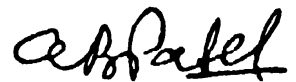
The Newsletter is signed by the following five friends:

(1) Dr. T.P. Amerasinghe of Sri Lanka; (2) Mr. Puran Singh Azad of India; (3) Mrs. Savitri Nigam of India; (4) Mr. B.P. Nigam of India and (5) Mr. Gurudeep Manocha of India.

An Invitation to a Major World Event:

The first Planetary Congress will be held in Toronto, Canada, from June 17-21. People from all over the world and from many disciplines will be meeting together to create a mandate for a preferred world future. In addition, there will be many other activities: simulation and conflict-resolution games, inter-cultural events, "new age" cooperative and value games, networking on a global basis and much more.

Our readers are invited to take part in this process both by attending one of hundreds of local groups which are exploring these issues and by attending the June Congress. For complete information and registration materials, please write to: PLANETARY INITIATIVE, 575 8th Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10018 or call (212) 563-1911.



General Secretary
April 18, 1983

MEMBERS' PAGE

In this 'Page' of January 1983, it was asked — "If a World Government is formed and start functioning then what will be the '*modus operandi*' of World Union?"

In response Smt. Anjali Roy, Secretary, World Union Salt Lake Centre, Calcutta indicates in consultation with her members, --

"When World State will come into existence World Union cannot cease to function, rather it will continue working for universal brother hood and human unity on spiritual foundation in individual as well as in collectivity so that the World State can stand and function on a sound footing."

Sri P.P. Bhattacharya, Chairman, Regional Centre, West Bengal states:-

"Even when World State comes into existence. . . World Union remains there too as the vanguard of the New Civilisation by building up of power at the bottom."

Shri Bhattacharya attended the 4th Triennial World Conference held in Pondicherry in December 1973. He responded to our appeal made in this 'Page' of March 1983' to elucidate the '*Panch Sil*' of World Union. He stated, "Buddhist Panch Sila were exclusively individual ethics—one must refrain from killing, stealing, debauchery lying and intoxication. Jawaharlalji discovered their implications in modern World Politics and his endeavour later on gave birth to Non-Aligned Block founded upon 'Panch Sil' which connote refraining from war, border-conflict, corrupt unscrupulous diplomacy, false, motivated broadcasting and publicity and national fanaticism.

The triple Mantra of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity became rather five practices ('*Sila*' means practice) of the nations.

In December 1973 the members of World Union attended the 4th Triennial Conference to uphold the 'PANCH SIL' of World Union. They are like five petals of the same flower 'UNITY' which is not uniformity. Each nation has its own uniqueness but for this the nation should not feel itself superior to the other." He also added that co-existence is one of the principles of creation. Even the Creator, the all pervading consciousness indulged, Its involvement into inconscient Matter. Co-existence without constriction is a necessity for the progress of each individual Nation. Co-existence develops mutual understanding on sound basis—which may help grow an urge for union of nations.

Sri Bhattacharya's explanation of 'Panch Sil' is very interesting but he has only elucidated '2 Sils' (1) Uniqueness without superiority and (2) Co-existence without constriction, out of five. So, we expect further elucidations from him.

Regarding 'DIALOGUE (7)' of February 1983 issue "Law and Lawlessness", we received two comments,—one from Ingrid Lepel (W. Germany) and the other from Sri D.K. Bhattacharya, Chairman, Alambazar Centre, W. Bengal.

All members are requested to note that this feature 'Dialogue' provides them with matters to read and cherish. They may send their comments but not for discussion in this 'page'.

The two comments we received are summarised below:

- (1) Ingrid Lepel indicates-- "The value of law depends also to a great extent on the wisdom of the law makers. . . . Since human society is constantly changing, it is very difficult to frame laws—especially because those who have more wisdom do not always have the power to frame laws."
- (2) Sri D.K. Bhattacharya States-- ". . . . Law and Lawlessness stand in relation to each other as thesis and anti-thesis. For a man who wants to go beyond and above his mental concept, there is no anti-thesis, because higher the rise, higher the coverage."

DIALOGUE (10)

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Father — Why there is so much light in this room?

Son — The night is dawning my father and the windows are kept open.

Father — Why? Repeatedly I told you to keep the windows of this particular room always closed.

Son -- Yes, I know that. But yesterday you wished to sleep in this room. So, I kept all the windows open. The room has no ventilator.

Father — Yes. You are a doctor. It is natural that you'll take care of my health. But my son, why 'am afraid of light? Is it a disease?

Son — Yes father ! It's a disease, but not of your physical body.

Father -- Then of what? Is it curable?

Son — My friend can say that. He is a psychiatrist.

Father — So, you mean 'am suffering from mental disease?

The Son remained Silent.

Father — But does your friend know my mind?

Son — I explained to him. He is to come now to see you.

- Father — Do you know what am I?**
- Son — Yes. To some extent atleast. A few days back I had the chance to go through your short biography published in a periodical on the occasion of your 60th birthday.**
- Father — Oh ! that was my early life.**
- Son — Yes ! I felt proud of it. You were not only a very brilliant student but also an honest and ardent social worker. I wonder, how and why you choose to become a . . .**
- Father — Harder of black money. Isn't this you mean to ask? But that's altogether a different story my son. You need not bother. Only this much I can say that what I did was only for upgrading the status of my family.**
- Son — But unfortunately it has not been upgraded. We, — your sons and daughters, — none of us is normal. None of us is as brilliant as you were in your student life. Rather we have been degenerated.**
- Father — Yes. Now I understand it. But what am I to do now?**
- Son — My friend will answer. He has just come.**
- Friend — Good morning Chachaji. I heard everything of you. Don't worry. You'll be all right very soon. Now I have come to you to let you know our programme. We are celebrating your 60th birthday. We all know very well that you started your life as a dedicated social worker. So we propose to do something for the Society in memory of your 60th birth anniversary. How do you like it?**
- Father — Very nice. May I contribute for it?
(with a smile)**
- Friend — Certainly. But we like to receive your contribution through the Government. Please don't get nervous. It'll be a very confidential arrangement. Nothing will be divulged. You may contribute all that you unofficially possess.**
- Father — Then there will be no more darkness !**
- Son — No father. You'll be quite free from anxiety and weariness. Night has dawned.**
- Father — Then let the windows remain open. Let the light come.**

From a Member's diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bally : Held its monthly meeting to celebrate the Mother's Jayanti on 26.2.83 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, spoke at length on the life and Sadhana of the Mother.

Beliaghata : It held its second general meeting on 3rd April 1983 under the Presidentship of Sri P.P. Bhattacharya. He also spoke on "World Union — The Destiny of Humanity." Devotional songs were presented by Miss Sukla Das. A few members of New Alipur Centre also attended.

Baranagar : On 20.3.83 it held its monthly meeting under the Chairmanship of Smt. Juiphul Roy. It was resolved that the Centre would observe the Silver Jubilee Year of World Union with the World Union Day celebration on 20th August, U.N. Charter Day on 26th June and U.N. Day on 24th October this Year. The Agenda of the 24th Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee International Centre was discussed and then Sri P.P. Bhattacharya spoke on 'Spiritual Statesmanship Toward A New Civilisation.' Sri Parimal Chakrabarty also participated.

Bhandarhati : It celebrated the Mother's Jayanti on the 21st February 1983 and on 26th February 1983 it held another meeting when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed 'The Aim and Object of Human Life'. In support of his discussion he referred to relevant quotations from "The Human Cycle". He emphasised that it was necessary for each individual to expand and upgrade his consciousness from family to national life and ultimately to get whole of humanity in its span to establish life divine on earth.

Bon-Hooghly : It held its monthly meeting organised by Sri Ashok Kumar Roy at his residence on 23.3.83 under the Chairmanship of Dr. B. Bhattacharya. Sri P.P. Bhattacharya—the Chief Guest spoke on "Psycho-Physical Tradition of Vedas in the light of Sri Aurobindo". He explained how out of matter Life and Mind emerged under the guidance of 'AGNI' and 'BAYU'. Mankind now aspires for supermind as instrument of "Mittra Varuna." His explanation enthused the members and it was decided that he would speak on this series. The Centre also prayed for the transformation of dark disintegrating forces that were at work in Assam and Punjab striking the vital of spiritual India.

It also celebrated the 80th birthday of Surendra Nath Jauhar of Delhi Branch of Sri Aurobindo Ashram.

The Centre held its next meeting on the 3rd April 1983. Dr. B. Bhattacharya presided and talked at length on "True Education". He emphasised that Spiritual Education was

necessary to awaken 'soul' in man. Sri Dulal Chandra Paul spoke of attitudinal change and indicated that the change would help a good deal to realise the ideal.

Chakradharpur : This Centre celebrated the Mother's Birth Anniversary on 21st and 22nd February 1983 in collaboration with Sri Aurobindo Society Centre.

On 21.2.83 the 'Female Wing' of both the Centres were constituted and it was decided that the wings would meet on every 2nd Saturday to read and discuss about Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. In the evening Sri K.C. Meshram explained the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the role of the Mother to get it practised in individual and collective life.

On 22.2.83 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee in his third visit to South Bihar attended the meeting and spoke on the ideals of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother to the teachers and students at 3 PM. Thereafter he met the 'Children Wing' (SISHU CHAKRA). In the evening Dr. Mukherjee spoke on the practical aspect of the Integral Yoga.

Chaibasa : On 23.2.83 it held a meeting when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee addressed on the 'Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo' to a distinguished gathering. He also explained the origin and aims of World Union and explained the two aspects of the Movement—outward and inward. Inward Movement— expansion and upgradation of inner consciousness ensure the outward Movement of World Unity.

Dattapukur : It held its second monthly meeting on 6.3.83 when Sri H.N. Das presided. The Guest-in-Chief Dr. B. Bhattacharya spoke on the activities of the Local Centre. The Chairman emphasised that it should be the duty of members to prepare themselves. Sri Dulal Ch. Paul and Sri J.C. Paul also participated in the discussion.

Nandan Nagar : This Centre was set up on 21.2.83. It held its first meeting on 2.4.83 when Sri Sadhan Ch. Ghosal presided. The Chief Guest Sri Dulal Chandra Paul spoke at length on World Union and its activities and gave stress on individual preparation. In his Presidential address Sri Ghosal explained how to involve each family in the Movement.

New Alipur : With the devotional music by Ratna Ghosal and Mira Mukherjee it started its monthly meeting on 6th April 1983. Dr. Mukherjee read and discussed in detail the Chapter 'Difficulty' from Sri M.P. Pandit's article on 'Pragmatic Spirituality' published in World Union (February issue). He explained how difficulties disturbed the Sadhak in different stages of his Sadhana. To get rid of them quietness, perseverance and faith in the Divine Grace were necessary. .

North Calcutta It held its 107th and 108th monthly meetings on 21.2.83 and 19.3.83 respectively. In its 107th meet, it solemnly observed the 105th birth anniversary of the Mother with offering of flowers, reading of 'Stotras', chanting of hymns, devotional songs and reading of the Mother's "Conversation" (Bengali Version) and 'Prayers and Meditation.'

Sri Satya Basu, Secretary, Sri Aurobindo Pathamandir, Calcutta, attended its 108th

meet as a Guest Speaker and spoke on 'Present Position and our Tasks'. He depicted the present turmoil through which humanity was passing and indicated that all these were a part of the Play of Mahakali and that they were ordeals that we might rise on the occasion to endeavour to surpass the phenomenon. He emphasised that the Ashram and the Centres were the pivot axis of the Mother's force. The world was progressing towards a new era by the Supreme Will executed by the Mother.

The Centre organised its annual 'Get-Together' on 27th March 1983 with a programme consisting of the Mother's music, group concentration, inauguration by the Chairman, introductory talk by the Secretary, Organisational Reviews by the members and tape-recorded talk of Nolinida on 'Savitri' and reading from Sri M.P. Pandit's "Pragmatic Spirituality", published in World Union February issue, Recitation and solo songs. It was pledged that the 'Silver Jubilee of World Union' would be celebrated in a befitting manner by the Centre.

Pondicherry : It held its monthly meeting on 19th March 1983 under the Chairmanship of Mr. M.P. John. Mr. R. Venkataraman read out his paper on the "7th Non-Aligned Summit" which was discussed by Sri A.B. Patel, Sri M.P. John and Mr. D.J. Daniel and other members who were present in the meeting.

Serampore : It held its annual meeting on 9.1.83 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on 'Sri Aurobindo and World Union Movement.' The newly formed Committee selected the Office-bearers for the next term.

Sultanpur : On 23rd March 1983 it celebrated: (i) The Human Unity Day—March 20; (ii) Earth Day—Racial Discrimination Elimination Day March 21 and (iii) World Meteorological Day—March 23 in a single programme when Dr. D.C. Banik indicated that Religionism, Racism and Regionalism were the three enemies of Social Cohesion. He also explained how life on this Planet Earth was being endangered by air and water pollution. He indicated that scientists proclaimed the coming of a Glacial Age when various large tracks in Europe, America and Asia would be sub-merged in ice and water due to meteorological change.

Sri Ramanuj Mishra explained the working of matter and energy which corresponded to the theory of involution of Spirit into Matter and Evolution of Spirit into Matter and Evolution of Matter to Spirit. This concept he suggested 'would have to be brought home to the people.'

Dr. S. Prasad, Director, Kamala Nehru Institute also spoke on "Matter and Energy".

Uttarpara : Under the Presidentship of Sri N.B. Nandy it held its 113th and 114th monthly meetings on 12th February and 12th March 1983 respectively. It also celebrated the Mother's Jayanti on 21.2.83.

On 12th February 1983 Sri Nirod Roy, Guest Speaker spoke on "Life and Spirituality" and explained in the light of Sri Aurobindo that Spirituality and life could not be divorced from each other, because world was nothing but the manifestation of that Supreme Reality. Sri Sadananda Bhattacharya stressed the need of purification of mind.

On 14th March 1983 Prof. Buddhadev Chakrabarty spoke on "Spiritual Unity its

Concept and Practice as Relevant to World Union" and indicated that Unity as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo could only be achieved on a spiritual basis. Sri N.K. Roy drew attention to the similar thoughts of Swami Vivekananda and Prof. Achinta Bhattacharya dwelt on the problems of unity from different angles. Sri S K. Gupta summed up the discussion with emphasis on the orientation of new outlook on the basis of Upanishads.

New Centres:

Bagnan: This Centre was opened under the inspiration and guidance of Sri M. P. Pandit and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee. The Chairman is Sri Debendranath Mitra. The Secretary is Sri Dhananjay Dubey. The address of the Centre is: World Union Bagnan (Gobardhanpur) Centre, Qr. No. T-2, Unit No. 3, Bagnan Rly Stn., P.O. BAGNAN, Dt: Howrah, W. Bengal.

Bhawanipur: Under the guidance and inspiration of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee this Centre was formed. The Chairman is Smt. Shanti Ghosh. The Secretary is Sri Pijush Khanti Guha. The address of the Centre is: World Union Bhawanipur Centre, 15-K Behari Doctor Road, CALCUTTA-25.

Dhenkanal: This Centre was also formed under the inspiration and guidance of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee. The Chairman is Sri Bimal Das. The Secretary is Sri Anil Kumar Ghosh. The address of the Centre is: World Union Dhenkanal Centre, Station Road, C/o Auroville Industries, P.O. DHENKANAL 759001, Dt: Dhenkanal, (Orissa State).

Nandannagar: This Centre has been set up on the auspicious day of 21st February 1983 under the inspiration of Sri P.P. Bhattacharya and Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya. The Chairman is Sri Sadhan Chandra Ghosal. The Secretary is Km. Tutu Saha. The address of the Centre is: World Union Nandannagar Centre, 147 Nandan Nagar, CALCUTTA 700083.

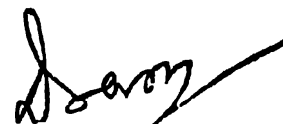
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Maintenance and Alteration Fund:-

The figure remains the same as published in the January 1983 Focus.



Deputy General Secretary
April 18, 1983



DANGEROUS CATASTROPHE?

There are dangerous forces, circumstances, conditions, situations, happenings and events, an average person and an average press reporter notice around the world. A common individual is more influenced than not by forces of greed, lust for power, jealousy, pride, vanity, hatred etc. in his personal and national affairs. It looks as if the life of mankind is moving towards a great and dangerous calamity. However, careful study will disclose that it is all superficial. There are any number of creative, constructive and positive forces and events shaping world circumstances and conditions. Though there is yet a very small number, there are definitely men and women around the world who are influenced by forces of love, equality of mind, humility, aspiration to serve humanity and the Divine, goodwill towards all, good use of their faculties, capacities and resources etc. Life, way of living, thinking and social, political, economic and educational ideas, ideals and institutions are undergoing rapid change. A new world has begun to take shape. Considering the powerful creative, constructive and positive forces at work around the world, the future of humanity is assured, though there is bound to be a certain amount of inconvenience and destruction in the process of the growth of the New World. The choice is with humanity to minimise the possible destruction and to increase rapidity for the building of a New World.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Forum for Peace at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar:

In the issue of the Indian Express, Ahmedabad Edition of Saturday, the 26th March 1983 was published a report by Campus Correspondent, Vallabh Vidyanagar dated March 25 under the caption of "WORKING FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE":

In his inaugural speech on March 24, 1979 Mr. M. P. Pandit, President, sponsoring body of World Union International, Pondicherry, had said "our first choice for starting this forum for peace is the Sardar Patel University and there is reason for it. I have gone to various university campus, at least 25 to 30 in India and I have found nowhere a campus which is still so pure, still so academic, where the students still respect their teachers, where

the teacher is still conscious of his mission in life, that he is a guru and he has responsibilities, where there is still 'Vidya', where there is still a tradition of seeking knowledge. . Thus, four years back this forum was established in this campus to encourage thinking and writing on the theme of peace.

Today, in this chaotic world, man has everything but peace. In a centre of learning like a University the energy of students and teachers can be drawn to the concept of peace. The teachers and students of this university form themselves into Study Groups and undertake to study writings of Sri Aurobindo, Gandhiji, Leo Tolstoy, Bertrand Russell, Rabindranath Tagore and others. Apart from studies the members of the forum organise meetings and even invite notable visitors to deliver lectures.

The main idea of the forum is to promote understanding collaboration and unity of hearts. The 'Forum for Peace' in Vallabh Vidyanagar is exactly working on these lines.

The Vice-Chancellor of this university is the Chairman of the forum. He has nominated Dr. D.D. Jadeja, a dedicated Aurobindoite, and the Principal of N and A College as its Secretary. Mr. Rohit Mehta, Mr. Yashwant Shukla, Mr. Ashwin Kapadia, Dr. Guntant Shah, Dr. Leo Ellison of Colgate University, Hamilton (USA) and Miraben Bhatt, a Sarvodaya Worker are some of the eminent persons who delivered lectures at the University. The topics include 'Peace, Faith and Unity' and 'Disarmament and human existence', 'Strategies of Peace,' etc.

No rules and regulations have either been framed or attached to this forum because this, as a movement, has to be spontaneous and must find its own mode of expression. The basis of this movement is that human unity can arise only on a spiritual foundation and that necessitates a psychological change on the part of each member.

The forum charges no membership fee. An undertaking to work for peace, each in his area, is enough to qualify for membership. However, for practical purpose, The World Union International, Pondicherry, undertakes to fund the programme at the rates of Rs. 100/- per month.

The forum has many more purposeful activities on its list. According to Dr. Jadeja, during 1983-84 the forum intends to hold a one day Seminar by inviting eminent thinkers and scholars from all over Gujarat. This Seminar proposes to discuss ideas of Sri Aurobindo, Gandhiji, Tagore, Tolstoy and Russell on peace and unity.

Information, Reports and Writings received from Sri J. N. Puri of New Delhi:

1. Dr. M.M. Nath, a Social Worker and a creative thinker, spends four months every year in Sweden. He will be going to Sweden shortly (after 16th April 1983) and will promote 'Peace in the World'. He will be working through Rotary Club in Sweden. He believes in what Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the Former President of India, said: "World is One Family". He has a project to work for Peace In The World.

2. A number of Non-Governmental Organisations have decided to work with more zeal, earnestness and sincerity to save humanity from annihilation as a result of growing and on-going race for nuclear arms. They have organised an institution named 'World Alliance' which will commence its work in New York and New Delhi to start with. Below is given the Preamble and Objectives of World Alliance:

PREAMBLE: Awakened by the realisation that if not the entire world, at least large portion of humanity, is on the brink of destruction and the clock is ticking fast, we the representatives of the vocal and thinking people do here and now decide to explore together and utilise all the resources we can mobilise to check the advance of nations to self-annihilation and mutilation of others by resorting to chemical, organic, gaseous and nuclear warfare.

Those owning such weapons of war are keeping the world as hostage. They are dictating to them a new way of life and like terror stricken prisoners we look towards them in awe and are led like sheep to the slaughter house. Their strength is their doctrine of keeping the rest of humanity as slaves.

Let us awaken and utilise our strength for this cause. Separately we are doing our best work and are motivated by the highest ideals. Together we will give wheels to our aspirations and make them catch speed and bring about their fulfilment. Inspired and dedicated let us search our path and march together beyond the obstructive narrow boundaries of colour, race, religion, and nationalism. Beyond cramping iron of ideologies, isms and doctrines. Together hand-in-hand, with healing bonds of humanism, let us join, cooperate and march for the following Objectives:-

OBJECTIVES: (a) To motivate nuclear powers to freeze or destroy nuclear weapons before it is too late.

(b) To get all war industries converted into consumer oriented industries.

(c) To persuade scientists who are busy doing military research for the destruction of the world to reverse their research for creativity and to find out quick ways to fight hunger, poverty, disease and ignorance.

(d) To educate, train and keep all the Non-Governmental Organisations and their members/masses with similar commitment well informed and updated with all relevant information and knowledge.

(e) To organise campaigns, seminars, symposia workshops and training camps at all levels to train the trainers and the masses to spread the technique and the message of humanism, love, brotherhood and unity in diversity to every one every where.

The World Alliance headquarters at various levels will work as LIGHTHOUSES and CLEARING HOUSES & FEEDING CENTRES to all those who join hands and lend support of whatever nature they can afford. Every one of us can contribute our time, energy and money and if we can do it honestly and sincerely the goals can be achieved before it is too late.

3. On 19th March 1983, in collaboration with Viswa Yuvak Kendra a seminar was Organised at Viswa Yuvak Kendra on "Integrity in Action-Formula for a well World". The seminar was well organised and largely attended. Dr. K. V. Sridharan, Director of the Kendra welcomed the Guest Speakers and the participants and thereafter read out the message given by Sri A.B. Patel for the Seminar and the World Citizens Day. Dr. (Mrs.) Premila Kapur then introduced the Guest Speakers namely Mrs. Joy Foster, Mr. Chris Foster and Mr. Achal Bedi, an Indian living in USA and associated with Integrity International.

4. On 20th March 1983, Equinox and World Citizens Day was celebrated at Vithalbhai Patel House under the Chairmanship of Shri Chhedi Lal. The meeting was addressed by

Shri. S. P. Mittal, Member of Parliament, Smt. Savitri Nigam, Shri B. P. Nigam, Shri K. K. Dewan, who all spoke on the need for developing World Citizenship and building Global Community. Shri Puran Singh Azad also addressed the meeting and invited the members of World Union to join the World Citizens Movement in India. He also extended invitations for joining the inaugural function of the Japanese organisation Universal Love and Brotherhood being inaugurated in New Delhi by the President of the Universal Love and Brotherhood Association. Shri Patel's message was read out. Smt. Savitri Nigam also shared with the participants her message which was yet to be conveyed on phone as the World Citizens Assembly had organised telephonic Conference round the world with Canada and all other world Centres. World Union members attended the meeting in largest numbers and light refreshments was served thereafter.

5. On 20th March 1983, Mrs. Joy Foster, Mr. Chris Foster and Mr. Achal Bedi addressed another meeting on "Integrity in Action-Formula for a well World." They gave an account of their working with the community of 120 families at the 100-Mile House in Canada and spelt out how their message of Integrity has been reaching various persons in 35 countries. They also shared their experiences in their recent visits round the world and invited the audience to join and share the good work being done at their headquarters. The large international community at Tushita Meditation Centre very much enjoyed the celebration of World Citizens Day and the Guest Speakers were happy to be there at the instance of Mr. J. N. Puri who also shared with the audience the message of Mr. Patel on the occasion.

6. On 30th March 1983, Dr. Anima Bose, an authority of history, and a prolific writer and teacher on Peace and Non-Violence spoke to the members of the World Union and others at Tushita Mahayana Gandhian Concept of Peace and Non-Violence. She also quoted the philosophy of Buddhism and teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother on these most important aspects of life by peaceful ways of life and living. She advised every member present there to promote groups and work for peace and Non-Violence in every walk of life.

7. On the 8th April 1983, World Health Day was celebrated by World Union Delhi Centres and Tushita Mahayana Meditation Centre at Shanti Niketan. The keynote Speaker of the evening was Shri J. N. Puri. After the Speaker was introduced by Miss Vicki, Programme Director of the Centre Mr. Puri read out the message of the Director General, World Health Organisation on the most important very relevant theme "HEALTH FOR ALL BY 2000 AD". There was lively discussion on the need for healthy mind and healthy body and it was appreciated that both World Union and Tushita Meditation Centre were devoted to this important cause. After the talk there were very important exchange of questions and answers and the role of the World Health Organisation was appreciated by all. Light refreshment was then served by the hosts.

8. On 8th April 1983, Indian Federation of Housewives Association had organised a function during the day at B-6/10, Safdarjang Enclave to celebrate the World Health Day where some women representatives of World Union had participated. At that function Dr. M. M. Nath had spoken on the main theme of the World Health Day and shared his experiences of concern for health in India and elsewhere.

9. On 9th April 1983 monthly meeting of the Motibagh Centre was held at the residence of Shri D. N. Mallick, D-II/B-29 Motibagh where Shri S. L. Ohri, Vice-President of the Centre.

shared the views on HUMAN UNITY. The meeting was chaired by Shri Venugopalan who very much appreciated the gesture of Shri Mallick and the members in sharing and joining the meeting.

Report of World Union National Centre-India, Bangalore:

The following report was presented by Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana, Secretary, to the Fourth National Executive Committee held on the 24th April 1983 at 3:00 P. M. at World Union premises, Pondicherry:

Respected Friends,

As you are aware the World Union National Centre—India with headquarters at Bangalore started functioning from 1st July 1980. The first Major task it undertook was to successfully conduct the 3rd National Convention of World Union Centres in India on 7th, 8th and 9th of June 1981, with the main theme 'PRACTICE OF ONENESS; THE CARING COMMUNITY'. Since the last meeting of the National Executive at Bombay on November 28th 1982, we are happy and proud that several New World Union Centres have started functioning. The credit for this fine achievement is largely due to the dedicated and sustained efforts of the zonal Co-ordinators and we may with confidence expect the trend to continue during the year 1983 also. At present we have two Regional Centres. World Union Regional Centre, Calcutta, West Bengal under the Chairmanship of Sri. P. P. Bhattacharya and Southern Regional Centre, Bangalore under the Presidentship of Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana. It is hoped that both the Regional Centres will undertake the duty of co-ordinating the activities of the World Union Centres in their area with the co-operations of regional co-ordinators and besides starting new centres will also be able to rejuvenate such centres that are not able to function effectively due to various factors. Sri Samar Basu, Deputy General Secretary, World Union—International has been good enough to inform all the co-ordinators and the Secretaries and President of the Regional Centres, the relevant rules of the National Centre, in his letter No. 245/co-ordinators/83 dated March 10, 1983. This procedure will greatly help in bringing out greater co-ordination, effective functioning and an useful feedback between various units of the World Union organisation.

The National Centre has been arranging lectures, seminars and fellowship meetings in co-operation with similar minded organisations. Youth organisations and civic and cultural associations and World Union—Bangalore Centre. It is now felt that the National Centre will have to play a more effective role in the propagation of World Union movement and I am sure the executive committee members will provide the necessary guidance to the office-bearers.

I take this opportunity to express our thanks to Sri M.P. Pandit, Chairman, World Union International and Sri A. B. Patel, General Secretary, World Union International, Sri Samar Basu, Dy. General Secretary and Sri S. A. Patel, Assistant Secretary for their co-operation in the conduct of the functioning of the World Union National Centre—India.

Dr. Helen K. Billings:

She contributes articles to World Union which were appreciated very much by her students in New Delhi. At a very advanced age she remains extremely busy in creative and constructive work, particularly in the field of Education. Recently, she has decided to make her "Institute for Global Study of Human Development" in St. Croix a success. She has written to Sri A. B. Patel that she will send by post some literature and writings about her work as soon as possible. She has been invited by Helen Tucker to promote "Peace Through Education" and for the purpose she will visit Montreal (Canada).

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of World Union:

The meeting was held at 'Chamber of Commerce' premises on Saturday, the 23rd April 1983 at 2:30 PM. Thirty-three members and invitees were present. It commenced by brief meditation accompanied by Mother's tape-recorded music. Sri M. P. Pandit, Chairman, delivered an inspiring inaugural address which appears in this journal (June 1983).

Important items from the Minutes of the Meeting are given hereunder:-

1. SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF WORLD UNION & PROGRAMME FOR 20TH AUGUST:

The members were informed by Sri Patel that there will be a Special Combined Issue of August-September 1983 World Union journal and all members and Centres are requested to send as many advertisements as possible for the Special Issue to enable World Union to reduce a part of its loss. Sri Patel requested Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee to endeavour to secure advertisements for the Special Issue in West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and other areas of the Eastern Region.

Sri N. S. Rao suggested that each Local Centre should send atleast two full-page advertisements. He also offered to send the balance to International Centre from the funds collected for the 7th Triennial World Union World Conference held in November last at Bombay, which may amount to Rs. 4,000/- to Rs. 6,000/-.

2. REPORT OF EACH OF THE COORDINATORS OF WORLD UNION:

(a) Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee—Coordinator Eastern Region stated that he assumed office in July 1982. Soon after he visited Bihar, Orissa and different areas in West Bengal. He was able to constitute 9 New Centres in West Bengal, 1 in Bihar and 3 in Orissa. He visited almost all the old Centres in West Bengal. He took part in Zonal Seminar, World Union Day and other Get-Together functions conducted by Regional Centre and other Local Centres in West Bengal. He also attended functions conducted by Sri Aurobindo Centres other than World Union.

(b) Sri B. Krishnaswamy—Coordinator Southern Region reported that during the year

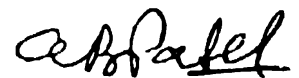
the following Centres were set up in Bangalore: (1) N.R. Colony, (2) Wilson Garden; (3) Banshankari; and (4) Mandya. He visited Mysore and revived the the Centre. He also visited Tamil Nadu and contacted a few personalities to explore the possibility of opening a New Centre in that State. He attended Universal Peace Conference held at Mount Abu as a guest.

- (c) Sri N.S. Amin—Coordinator Western Region stated that World Union Centres in Bombay celebrated World Union Day on 20th August 1982. On his way to Brighton Sri A.B. Patel visited Bombay when a send off function was organised. The Centres also observed 24th October—U.N. Day and 20th March—World Citizens Day. World Union Centres in Bombay organised the 7th Triennial Conference during 26-28 November 1982 which was a great success.

3. RESOLUTIONS OF THE LOCAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADOPTED ON 11TH JULY 1982 SUPPLEMENTED BY THE MEETING ON 14TH APRIL 1983 :

The members first applied their minds to raising income and approved yearly fee of Rs. 20.00 and Rs. 36.00 for two years for the journal. For Focus Rs. 8.00 yearly fee and for two years Rs. 14.00 (but for students it will remain Rs. 6.00 for one year and Rs. 11.00 for two years). Life Membership fee was raised from Rs. 250.00 to Rs. 300.00 and Associate Life Membership fee was raised from Rs. 100.00 to Rs. 120.00. For USA and Canada the fee was raised to \$.8.00 for one year; \$.14.00 for two years and \$.80.00 for Life Membership. For other countries it was raised to £. 3.00 for one year; £. 5.00 for two years and £. 40.00 for Life Membership. All these increases will be made operative from the 1st July 1983.

The meeting approved that each Local Centre will retain 20% of the membership fee and 3% will be given to each National Centre and 2% to each Regional Centre of the fee received from the members of that nation and that Region. Concerning Life Membership fee it was decided to give Rs. 5.00 per Life Member to each Local Centre per year and Rs. 2.00 per Associate Life Member to be paid to each Centre annually. The Executive Committee was to continue making arrangements for boarding and lodging of members attending the Executive Committee meeting. Justice Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao asked consideration if the meeting of the Executive Committee could be held in February instead of April.



General Secretary
May 18, 1983

MEMBERS' PAGE

We received very interesting and thought-provoking answers from different members to our question appeared in this 'PAGE' in January 1983 Focus—"What would be the 'Modus Operandi' of World Union if a World State is set up?"

1. Ingrid Lepel from West Germany indicates:-

World Union would not cease to function in that event, on the contrary it could work more effectively because after the formation of a World State, World Union would have ample scope to work among people. It might have an easier task to spread the ideal in such a way as the World State might function on spiritual foundation. World Union could help it to give more stress on Unity in Diversity. In general it may be said that after the formation of a World State it would be the task of World Union to encourage peaceful living together of all the Nations and enrich each other in their cultural spheres. It should also encourage people to live in harmony. And all these not for its own sake but for the sake of inherent Divinity in all things so that it may manifest on earth.

2. Mr. Gerhard F. Haupt from London writes:-

When a World State is formed World Union would be the observer and guard of the global process of spiritualisation. It would have six fold functions to perform—

- (a) Assistance in the development of a world culture.**
- (b) A link in the exchange of experiences from people to people.**
- (c) An advisory function in relation to regional and local administrations.**
- (d) A provider of expertise in the settlement of disputes.**
- (e) Ambassadorship to intelligences from space.**
- (f) Documenting the process of spiritualisation.**

He believed that World Union will remain as an important Institution on the whole path of expanding self-awareness and self-conduct to which the World State will open the door.

In discussing the issue of Members' Page of April 1983 regarding Non-Alignment Summit Sri D. K. Bhattacharya, Chairman, World Union Alambazar Centre, states—

"God never made the national frontiers. The war that we observe in the outer-space between the Divine and the anti-Divine forces, is only the manifestation of the internal crises of man created by ego."

But the issue was whether 'Non-Aligned Movement' aids the Movement of World Union. It should be discussed more precisely to find out the answer.

NO NEW ISSUE THIS MONTH

WHERE OLD METHOD FAILS

DIALOGUE (11)

At night after dinner the father, Principal of a College called his son who was the leader of the Students' Union which served a notice to the Principal intimating him that the Union would go on strike from the next day.

The son came and the father said,

I know you are well prepared. So, 'am not going to discuss anything about your strike. But one question I'm to ask—and believe that you will be able to answer it.

Son — What is your question?

Father — Do you know the difference between a Statesman and a Politician?

Son — Not exactly. But I see that politicians are abound all over the country while there is an acute dearth of Statesman. I think, they are badly needed at the present moment.

Father — Yes; but you should know the difference. Please listen: a man who exhibits great wisdom and ability in dealing with important public issues is known as a Statesman. While a politician is a person who is active in party-politics. And it is unfortunate that the whole student community is led by the politicians. Can you deny it?

Son — No question of my denial. This is because there is no Statesman to lead us. We are guided by those who were once leaders of the student front.

Father — I know. But have you,—I mean you and your colleagues, ever considered the effect of carrying out this type of politics in the field of education? Do you wish that education should be fully controlled by the State? Can you determine the relationship between the philosophy of education and that of politics. Are they inter-related? Is it true that one can not function without the other?

Son — Now it is of no use to discuss all these controversial issues. We wish that students must enjoy freedom to grow and develop. And therefore, they must have some role to play in chalking out educational method and policy as also to certain extent in the field of administration. We fail to understand why you are not ready to accept this just demand of the students. You are guided by very old outlook and traditional principles. Don't you believe that the world is rapidly changing?

Father — I believe that the world is preparing for a big change so that new ideas may usher in. From this view point I request you to contact Mr. 'A' who is a renowned Statesman, you must admit. He is now here in the city. Please let him know your problems and see how he deals with them.

Son — That we can not. We have no such instruction from our party.

Father — Then I must say that you and your leaders are not aware of the fact that the days of party politics have gone.

From a Member's Diary

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INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

We are happy to inform the members that our Chairman, Sri M.P. Pandit, has been invited to be a member of the Council of the *International Center for Integrative Studies* in New York. The ICIS works for Human Dialogue on important contemporary issues and problems and on the Future of Man.

WCPA LOCAL CHAPTER, WEST BENGAL:

Sri N. Mustafi, Jt. Secretary reports that in the last Executive Committee Meeting of the Local Chapter Sri Sushil Dutta who attended the Provisional World Parliament held at Brighton in September 1982 placed before the members his report on the working of the P.W.P. for their information. The meeting was presided over by Dr. P.C. Chunder. The members discussed at length the problems and prospects of the organisation. Dr. Chunder indicated the necessity of the propagation of the Movement among people with the help of different media.

It was decided that the Chapter would celebrate the NEW AGE DAY on 27th June 1983 when a Seminar on "Human Rights Through A World Constitution" would be organised. Mr. Justice M.A. Musud (retd.)—member of Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities—Centre of Human Rights, United Nations, Geneva, would speak on the occasion.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bally: It held its monthly meeting on 26-3-83 with the chanting of vedic hymns by the Secretary of the Centre. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee read out 'Pragmatic Spirituality—3' of Sri M.P. Pandit, the heading of EGO. He then explained the topic very lucidly and the members felt enthused.

Bhandarhati: In its monthly meeting held on 26-3-83 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee narrated a very interesting story of Sri Aurobindo's boyhood. Thereafter Dr. Mukherjee explained the concept of World Union to the members.

Bhowanipur: In its inaugural meeting on 14-4-83 Dr. Mukherjee explained the concept of World Union to the members and spoke on "Pragmatic Spirituality" of Sri M.P. Pandit and explained the idea how a learned mind opposes and helps to become an ideal YOGI. Dr. Mukherjee also discussed 'LOVE' by quoting relevant portions from Sri M.P. Pandit's article published in April 1983 issue.

New Alipur: It held its monthly meeting on 5th May 1983 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed the resolutions adopted in the last International and National Executive

Committee Meetings. Smt. Mira Mukherjee after her devotional music read out a passage from the 'Mother'. Dr. Mukherjee discussed the passage on "Mind or Heart" of Pragmatic Spirituality by Sri M. P. Pandit. He also talked on Karmayoga.

North Calcutta: It held its 109th monthly meeting on 20.4.83. After devotional songs and chanting of vedic hymns, Sri Sujit Palit after his introductory talk, read out a few lines from Nalinida's Bengali version of 'Savitri'. Dr. Ujjal Kr. Dutta, Founder-Director of Scientific Life-Divine Mission spoke on Science and Spirituality—in the absence of the scheduled speaker. Dr. Dutta very nicely explained that Science and Spirituality were not separate things. In integral knowledge or in Gnostic consciousness both are intermingled. In near future a synthetic and integral approach would be universally acclaimed.

Pondicherry: It organised a Symposium on 'Unity in Diversity' under the Presidentship of His Excellency K. M. Chandy the Lt. Governor of Pondicherry State on 23.4.83 after the 24th Annual Executive Committee Meeting was over. Three papers on Religion, Language and Culture were read by Mr. R. Venguattaramane, Mr. D.J. Daniel and Mr. V. A. Vasudevaraju. In his Presidential address the Lt. Governor dwelt on the three ticklish issue viz. Religion, Language and Culture that face the present society. He emphasised the need to cleanse the Religion, Language and Culture of politics. 'Politics', he said, "should not be allowed to entertain the problems arising out of Religion, Language and Culture."

Salt Lake: In its 22nd monthly meeting held on 9.4.83 it chalked out a programme for celebration of Silver Jubilee Year. It was decided that a Symposium would be organised inviting distinguished Speakers from renowned Institutions/Universities to speak on "World Union & Islam", "World Union and Christianity" and "World Union and Vedanta". The Second Sunday of June 1983 was tentatively fixed.

Sultanpur: The Centre observed 'World Health Day' on 7th April 1983 in collaboration with the local Indian Medical Association. Dr. D. C. Banik President of the Centre as also of the I.M.F. Branch presided the assemblage of more than 100 doctors, advocates, Social workers and journalists. After invocation the President explained the day's slogan—"World Health by 2000 AD" which was further elaborated by Dr. Kochar. The Speakers generally gave much stress on the necessity of further extension of medical facility in rural areas. Dr. Banik in his Presidential address summed up the imperative steps point-wise which should be taken up for improving public health.

The 47th meeting of the Centre was held on 13-4-83 under the Presidentship of Sri K. Chandra Mowli, District Magistrate, at his residence. Sri Prabhakar explained the working of the 7th Triennial Conference held in Bombay. He said it was Call from beyond to the humanity in this Silver Jubilee Year of World Union. "EARTH IS ONE", the human race is ONE. Live in this ONENESS, else perish in self destruction.

Sri M K. Sahi and Dr. Banik explained the difference between 'Theosophy' and World Union on being asked by the District Magistrate.

Sri Ma Sinthi: It held its meetings on 12th March, 9th April, 30th April, 1st May and 9th May 1983.

On 12th March it discussed the aspect of Sri Aurobindo's yoga.

On 9th April the members discussed why the Mother descended and Her dynamic Role with Sri Aurobindo in 20th century.

On 30th April the Centre observed Sri Aurobindo Jayanti with musical programme.

On 1st May the Centre celebrated A.B. Patel's 85th birthday when Sri C.L. Goswami gave a vivid description of Sri Patel's dedicated work for World Unity. Sri Goswami also stated that Sri Patel would be remembered with the personalities of the world who dedicated their lives for World Peace and Human Unity.

On 9th May "Rabindra Jayanti" was celebrated by the Centre.

New Centres:

Kendrapara: The Chairman of the Centre is Sri Kunja Behari Prusty. The Secretary is Sri Bhagabati Prasad Das. The address of the Centre is: World Union Kendrapara Centre, At: Jaipura, P.O. KENDRAPARA 754211, Dt: Cuttack (Orissa State)

Shibpur: The Chairman is Prof. A. K. Mukherjee. The Secretary is Sri Promode Mukherjee. The address of the Centre is: World Union Shibpur Centre, 29 Kashinath Chatterjee Lane, SHIBPUR 711002, Howrah, (West Bengal).

The above mentioned two Centres were opened under the inspiration and guidance of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Coordinator of World Union in the Eastern Region.

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477. Sri Vishwanath Dharanidhar Gurjar
(ILM 327)

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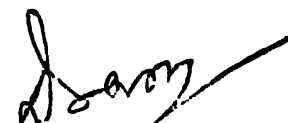
New Associate Life Member:

98. Sri Jayanta Sarkar
(FILM 98)

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Maintenance and Alteration Fund:

The figure remains the same as published in the January 1983 Focus.



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BASED ON THE FACT OF HUMAN UNITY REALISING THE TRUTH OF THE SPIRIT

The World is a unity-it has always been and it is always so, even now it is so – it is not that it has not got the unity and the unity has to be brought in from outside and imposed upon it. Only the world is not conscious of its unity. It has to be made conscious. We consider now is the time most propitious for the endeavour. For, a new Force or Consciousness or Light—whatever you call the new element—has manifested into the world and the world has now the capacity to become conscious of its own unity.

The Mother

The central question is whether the nation, the largest natural unit which humanity has been able to create and maintain for its collective living, is also its last and ultimate unit or whether a greater aggregate can be formed which will englobe many and even most nations and finally all in its united totality. The impulse to build more largely, the push towards the creation of considerable and even very vast supranational aggregates has not been wanting; it has even been a permanent feature in the life instincts of the race.

**Postscript Chapter to:
"The Ideal of Human Unity"
by Sri Aurobindo**

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

World Union:

On the 15th August 1947, the birthday of Free India, the end of her old era and the commencement of a new age, Sri Aurobindo gave a message to the free nation in which message he described five dreams of his life, which he had hoped to see fulfilled in his life time. "The third dream was a world-union forming the outer basis of a fairer, brighter and nobler life for all mankind. That unification of the human world is under way; there is

an imperfect initiation organised but struggling against tremendous difficulties. But the momentum is there and it must inevitably increase and conquer. Here too India has begun to play a prominent part and if she can develop that large statesmanship which is not limited by the present facts and immediate possibilities but looks into the future and brings it nearer, her presence may make all the difference between a slow and timid and a bold and swift development. A catastrophe may intervene and interrupt or destroy what is being done but even then the final result is sure. For unification is a necessity of Nature, an inevitable movement. Its necessity for the nations is also clear for without it the freedom of the small nations may be at any moment in peril and the life even of the large and powerful nations insecure. The unification is therefore to the interests of all and only human imbecility and stupid selfishness can prevent it; but these cannot stand forever against the necessity of Nature and the Divine Will. But an outward basis is not enough; there must grow up an international spirit and outlook, international forms and institutions must appear, perhaps such developments as dual or multilateral citizenship, willed interchange or voluntary fusion of cultures. Nationalism will have fulfilled itself and lost its militancy and would no longer find these things incompatible with self-preservation and integrality of this outlook. A new spirit of Oneness will take hold of the human race."

In the postscript Chapter to "The Ideal of Human Unity" Sri Aurobindo wrote: "The ultimate result must be the formation of a World-State and the most desirable form of it would be a federation of free nationalities in which all subjection or forced inequality and subordination of one to another would have disappeared and, though some might preserve a greater natural influence, all would have an equal status. A confederacy would give the greatest freedom to the nations constituting the World State, but this might give too much room for fissiparous or centrifugal tendencies to operate; a federal order would then be the most desirable." "... the ideal of human unity would be no longer an unfulfilled ideal but an accomplished fact and its preservation given into the charge of the united human peoples."

World Union was formed on November 26, 1958 for the realisation of human unity and world peace on a spiritual foundation. It draws inspiration for its work from Sri Aurobindo's two books "The Ideal of Human Unity" and "The Human Cycle". During 1960 it had the good fortune to have the grace and guidance of the Mother who indicated the right direction for appropriate foundation and shape. She allotted the first premises for the World Union office in "En Face" building which she visited on December 25, 1969. On the 16th August 1964 the first Triennial World Conference of World Union met at Pondicherry. The first World Council of World Union met at Pondicherry on the 20th August 1964, and with the prior permission of the Mother, elected her as the President of World Union. It was at her instance that 20th August every year was adopted as an annual World Union Day for celebration by all interested in the World Union Movement. Consequently, from the 26th November 1982 to 26th November 1983 World Union is celebrating its Silver Jubilee Year. Therefore there will be a Special Combined Issue of the World Union journal of August-September 1983 in furtherance of the Silver Jubilee celebration. World Union Centres and members are arranging necessary programmes to celebrate the Silver Jubilee Year concerning which information was published in the previous issues of the journal.

World Union was duly registered on the 13th October 1960 as a charitable Society under the Registration of Societies Act of India. Income-tax exemption is enjoyed by donors to World Union under Section 80(G) of the Income-tax Act 1961 subject to the limits prescribed therein. In 1960 the Central Board of Revenue, New Delhi, decided that the objects of World Union were conducive to the promotion of International Welfare in which India is so much interested.

Commemoration of Silver Jubilee Year:

As announced earlier we are releasing a Special Volume by combining August and September issues—in September this year. Besides, World Union publishes on this happy occasion,

"A HANDBOOK OF WORLD UNION"

a very helpful guide book for all members and interested persons, prepared by our colleague . Sri Samar Basu We wish that the Centres must have sufficient copies for their members and friends. Please let us know your requirement (in lot of 10, 20, 50 or more) as early as possible so that you may receive them by the *20th August 1983*. Price Rs. 2/- per copy (postage extra). We may send your requirement per V. P. P.

Bantam's Publication:

Bantam's latest addition to the New Age imprint is Fritjof Capra's *THE TURNING POINT: Science, Society and the Rising Culture*, to be released in a trade paperback edition. Published to critical acclaim in hardcover by Simon & Schuster, the book by the distinguished University of California physicist demonstrates how the revolution in modern physics foreshadows an imminent change in all the sciences and a transformation in our world view and values.

"I have come to believe that today our society as a whole finds itself in crisis . . . The basic thesis of this book is that these are all different facets of one and the same crisis, and that this crisis is essentially a crisis of perception. Like the crisis in physics in the 1920's it derives from the fact that we are trying to apply the concepts of an outdated world view," writes Dr. Capra in his book. Among the areas he explores are emerging systems; a transformation of our world view of life, mind, consciousness and evolution; the corresponding holistic approach to healing; the integration of Western and Eastern approaches to psychology and psychotherapy; a new framework for economics and technology; and a spiritual, ecological and feminist perspective which will lead to changes in political and social structures.

Fritjof Capra is also the author *The Tao of Physics*, a New Age title, which has 260,000 copies in print.

Injunction Against Design, Test, Produce, Manufacture, Fabrication, Transport, Deploy, Install, Maintain, Store, Stockpile, Sale, Buy, Use Any Nuclear Weapons:

A prominent U.S.A. Lawyer, Mr. Leon L. Vickman, plans to take the issue of nuclear weapons before the Provisional World District Court to be set up shortly in Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. under the World Legislative Bill No. 5 enacted by the First Provisional World Parliament held at Brighton (UK) in September 1982. The case will be chiefly based on World Legislative Bill No. 1 adopted as World Law by the said Provisional World Parliament. Mr. Vickman's action will be heartily welcomed by all lovers of genuine peace throughout the world and by all who are interested in the survival of human race from the nuclear catastrophe. All interested in the welfare of the peoples of Planet Earth will extend their full support to Mr. Vickman in this great and unique event in legal annals.



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MEMBERS' PAGE

Lion Prof. K.S. Viswanathan, President, World Union Nanjangud Centre, quotes the following lines from 'Forums of Integrity'—an article of Sri M.P. Pandit appeared in May 1983 issue of our journal:-

"The right persons, those who are sincere in their professions must enter public life."

and then comments:-

"The general atmosphere in our country and particularly the political atmosphere has become a by-world for malpractices. It looks as though it is beyond correction. Corruption has set in motion a vast chain of reaction threatening to devour the entire nation. Such being the case, how can good men enter public life? When there is such a rat-race for power what chance of success in election has a well-meaning and a sincere person. . . ."

Then he asks for light on the ways and means of surmounting these handicaps and entering public life.

We find that the ways and means are there in the article itself. Nonetheless, we invite comments on the issue from our members.

DIALOGUE (12)

HAPPINESS

Kalavati aged about 20 a student of a University came to her mother and said,—

Mummy, here is a very good news for you. Today, in the evening you are to attend a very interesting gathering at our University Lecture Hall. Here is your invitation card. Dr. Baker of New Dawn Society has come. He will speak on 'Happiness'. All students have been asked to attend with their parents or guardians. Pappa has no time. So, you must come.

Mother — 'Am so happy with my family that I need no lecture to listen on it. Please excuse me.

Kalavati — But true happiness, I think, is something else than what you have. So, please attend and learn it.

Mother — 'Am sure that happiness is a relative term. What is happiness to me may not be happiness to you.

Kalavati — That can't be. It must be universal and not personal. If it is personal it can not be termed as 'happiness.'

Mother — Last year when I came to know that you stood first—I felt happy. Wasn't it my own happiness.

Kalavati — All the mothers feel happy when they learn that their children stand first. So it is all the Mothers' happiness—not yours alone. Since we are all human beings we must know what is our happiness and how to achieve it. Dr. Baker will perhaps show us the way. So, please come with me.

In the University Lecture Hall

Dr Baker — Happiness is not something unattainable. We may feel it in every moment of our life if we know what it is. Give up that false notion that what is happiness to me may not be happiness to you. There is nothing like personal happiness, because happiness has no relation, whatsoever, with one's personal material belongings. Mr. 'A' may attain happiness while Mr. 'B' may not, but that does not mean happiness belongs to Mr 'A' only. Anybody can attain happiness if he or she fulfils certain conditions. I'll explain to you what are they. Before that I like to know what is happiness! Can you define it? Any one of you?

Kalavati - To me happiness means something opposite to narrowness

Dr. Baker - Yes. Anything which is narrow, small or crooked can not contain happiness.

Kalavati's

Mother Then you mean to say that in a small family there is no happiness. But we see so many small happy families in our society.

Dr. Baker — They may be small in size, but in their outlook, in their thinking, in their actions and reactions surely they are not small, narrow or crooked. So, you find that narrowness and happiness can not co-exist. Now you are to decide what you are to do to attain happiness. To shun narrowness and crookedness from every sphere of life—is the first thing necessary and there are also many other things to do which I'll explain now

At home

Kalavati - What happened with you mummy? You look very gloomy.

Mother Now I realise it is not true happiness that I have been enjoying so long. Let me live anew so that I may have it.

From a Member's Diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bagnan: It held its inaugural meeting on 1st May 1983. Sri Rabi Ghosh and Smt. Kheali Ghosh offered devotional songs. Then Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained at length the Movement of World Union. It started holding study classes twice a week on 'The Life Divine' on every Monday and Friday and 'The Ideal of Human Unity' and 'The Human Cycle' once a month. Weekly classes were being taken by Sri Krishna Pada Banerji and monthly classes by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee.

Bangalore: Its monthly meeting was held on 14th May 1983. Sri S.H. Subba Rao was the Chief Guest and spoke on 'Role of India in bringing about World Unity and understanding.' His talk was informative and very analytical. He pointed out the significance of Non-Align Movement and explained the foreign policy of the Government of India. He emphasised that Non-Governmental bodies and individuals were also at work in spreading the Indian history and culture. He concluded that the chief aim of foreign policy of Government of India should be Peace and Unity.

Beliaghata: Its third general meeting was held on 29.5.83. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee presided and Dr. Biswanath Baral, Secretary, Chandernagore Centre spoke on 'The Ideal of World Union' by referring suitable quotations from '*Savitri*'. The President emphasised that an ideal member was conscious of God and the world. Sri Rajen Ganguli of Sri Aurobindo Ashram spoke at length about his personal experience with the Mother.

Central Calcutta: It held a meeting on 3.4.83. Dr. Ujjal Datta and Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya discussed the subject 'Scientific Life Divine and the Importance of World Union'. On 10.4.83 in its special meeting Sri T.K. Sinha explained the aims of World Union and how to achieve it and gave some specific programme of work.

Durgapur: It held its first meeting on 18.5.83 under the Presidentship of Sri Saroj Mukherjee. The members discussed in general about its activities and decided that in the 3rd or last week of June it would hold a large meeting when Dr. Mukherjee would be invited to speak on the ideals of World Union.

Motibagh: Sri J.N. Puri reports that the monthly meeting of the Centre was held on the 15th May 1983 at 9:00 AM. Miss Vicki Bichof of Tushita Mahayana Meditation Centre was the Guest Speaker on "Buddhism and Human Unity". Sri S.L. Ohri presided. In his introductory address Sri Ohri explained the necessity and significance of holding such meetings where likeminded groups would sit together and share the common concept of love. Miss Vicki spoke in general about various aspects of different religions and gave details of the message of Lord Buddha. She wished that participants would join hands for the

promotion of the ideals by practising them. Before concluding the meeting all were informed of the details working of the World Union and the Tushita Mahayana Meditation Centre and members took keen interest.

In the evening Sri Puri attended a meeting convened by Shri Poorna Swatantraji to represent World Union. Shri Surendra Nath Jauhar of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Delhi, took the Chair. Many prominent citizens like Shri Gulzari Lal Nanda, Shri Kulwant Rai, Dr. M. P. Chhaya, Shri Kulbir Singh attended the meeting. Shri Poorna Swatantraji spoke at length on the role of Spiritualism for the future of mankind. He re-emphasised the need for bringing into practice the integral vision portrayed by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and expressed his wish that all the groups of various religious faith should join hands in this great task. Sri Kulbir Singh brother of Saheed Bhagat Singh wanted that the task of regeneration of the Indian youth could be taken up. All those present wanted that an action programme should be drawn up for quick implementation. With the devotional song of Smt. Karunamayee and the devotees of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, the meeting ended.

New Alipur: It held its monthly meeting on 2. 6. 83. The meeting started with devotional songs by Ashima De and Juli Nag. Tanuja Mukherjee read out selected passages from 'Savitri'. Then Sri Rajen Ganguli of Sri Aurobindo Ashram discussed the problem of Death and Rebirth.

North Calcutta: 110th monthly meeting of this Centre was held on 20th May 1983, when Dr. Ujjal Kr. Datta the Guest Speaker spoke on 'Disharmony and Discord between Science and Religion' after the introductory address of the Secretary.

Dr. Datta emphasised that Scientific Religious attitude was the only solution for the ever increasing distress of human kind.

Rishra: It held its monthly meeting on 24. 5. 83 when Sri Kanai Prasad Dutta explained the various aspects of the movement and Sri B. Chakrabarty discussed the subject 'Unity-in-Diversity'.

Salt Lake: It held its 23rd monthly meeting on 14. 5. 83. when the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the International Centre were made known to the members by the Secretary. She also requested all members to try their best to obtain advertisements for the Special Issue. The meeting also decided to take the following programme of action:

(1) to arrange for starting a training of the women of the locality in respect of Agro industries under the Small Industries Services Institute of Government of India.

(2) to set up a literary campaign in the locality.

(3) to celebrate Rabindra Jayanti.

On 22. 5. 83 the members celebrated Rabindra Jayanti under the Presidentship of Dr. R. K. De when the renowned musicians of the locality offered Rabindra Sangeet.

Shibpur: It held its first meeting after its formation on 8th May 1983 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Hemen Ray who read out a message of Prof. Amal Mukherjee. Then he explained important aspects of Sri Aurobindo's life. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee in his inaugural address spoke at length on 'Oneness of the World and its relationship with the Individual'. He also replied to certain questions raised by the members.

Sultanpur: In its 50th meeting on 26. 5. 83 it celebrated 'Buddha Purnima Day' with Dr. S. Prasad, Director, Kamala Nehru Institute as Chief Guest.

Sri Prabhakar gave a glimpse of Buddha's early life and explained how Buddha sought knowledge to banish all troubles of earthly life and how he attained 'Buddhatava'. Dr. D. C. Banik read out Swami Vivekananda's remarks on Lord Buddha. The Chief Guest elucidated in his eloquent speech the Buddhist way of life and comments that it was really 'Sanatan Dharma' in action which could cure social ills and rid the world of present chaotic condition.

Tamluk – Mahishadal: It held its 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th monthly Conferences on 30th January, 27th February, 27th March, 10th April and 8th May 1983 respectively.

Uttarpara: In its 115th monthly meeting held on 9th April 1983 it held a Seminar on 'World Union in the Light of Sri Ramakrishna, Saradhamani and Vivekananda' when Sarvasri N. K. Roy, Srinivas Chatterjee and Rathindra Nath Banerjee spoke. It held its 116th monthly meeting on 14th May 1983 to celebrate Rabindra Jayanti when the subject 'Viswa Premik Rabindranath' was discussed. The Guest Speaker Prof. Santanu Roy very nicely explained the multifaced personality of Rabindranath which was appreciated by the assemblage.

In its 117th monthly meeting held on 11th June 1983 Sri N. K. Roy spoke on 'Bhagawan Buddha in the Light of World Union'—in the absence of the scheduled speaker. He stated that it is Buddha and his message of Love were still acknowledged by the people outside India. Prof. Buddhadev Chakrabarty from among the members spoke on Buddha's life, Dharma and his method to eliminate the cause of sorrow from the world.

New Centre:

Sundargarh: This Centre was set up on 10. 5. 83. The Secretary is Sri Tushar N. Mahapatra and the address of the Centre is: World Union Sundargarh Centre, C/o Punjab National Bank, SUNDARGARH 770001 (Orissa state).

On the 13th May 1983 it held its first meeting and another meeting on 19. 5. 83 to chalk out programme of work.

New Life Members:

478. Sri Kashilal Sharma
(ILM 328)

The Divine Light Library
P. O. RUPAHELI (W. Rly.) 305626
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479. Mr. Rajnish R. Patel
(FLM 152)

322 Ipswich Road
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Maintenance and Alteration Fund:

The figure remains the same as published in the January 1983 Focus.



Deputy General Secretary
June 18, 1983



WORLD UNION

FOCUS 8-9/83

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The main problems facing the humanity today are the threat of a nuclear war and other wars. The survival and welfare of humanity need very urgent attention. No real solutions are possible as long as nationalism and national sovereignty, which once served the interests of evolutionary progress of mankind but are a hindrance now, remain the accepted ideals of humanity. There is at present an international anarchy. In the absence of global solutions, all human problems are getting worse and multiple crises simmer each complicating the other. Thus human survival and welfare on Earth are threatened in many ways. Mankind must awaken to the threatening danger and take necessary steps to meet the likely calamity.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS :

NEWS RELEASE

27 June 1983

WORLD CONSTITUTION AND PARLIAMENT ASSOCIATION

1480 Hoyt St., Suite 31/Lakewood, Colo. 80215, USA / Ph. 303-233-3548

INJUNCTION SOUGHT AGAINST ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS

In what is probably the biggest lawsuit in history, a complaint and summons were served today, June 27, against 28 national governments which either possess or are allegedly preparing to deploy nuclear weapons.

The suit seeks court action for both a temporary restraining order and a permanent injunction to prohibit "the design . . . testing, production . . . deployment . . . sale, purchase, as well as the use or threatened use of any nuclear weapons."

Named as defendants are all the major nuclear powers, including the U.S.A., the U.S.S.R., the United Kingdom, France and the Peoples Republic of China. Also named as defendants are Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, German Federal Republic, Greece, Hungary, India, Iraq, Israel, Italy, South

Korea, Libya, Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Spain, Taiwan and South Africa. The restraining order and injunction would apply to all countries and all persons, universally, not only to those specifically named in the suit.

The plaintiffs in this class action suit are listed as The People of Earth. Named chief counsel for the plaintiffs is California attorney Leon L. Vickman of 16255 Ventura Blvd., Suite 605, Encino, California, who filed the complaint.

The suit is being taken before the first Provisional District World Court, now being set up in the Los Angeles area. Responsible for issuing the summons, which was served on the 28 defendant nations through their embassies in Washington, D. C., together with the U. S. State Department, is the clerk of the Court, listed as Irving Miller, with office at 14551 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, California.

When reached by telephone today, Mr. Vickman, 51, a practicing lawyer in the Los Angeles area and former Fullbright Scholar, stated that the jurisdiction of the first Provisional District World Court in Los Angeles is derived from a World Court Bill enacted by a Provisional World Parliament which met in first session in Brighton, England, in September of 1982. The Parliament, itself, Vickman said, "is organized under Article 19 of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, which is now being circulated worldwide for ratification by people and governments." Further authority for the Court, the Complaint alleges, "can be found in the tradition of international courts established in the past," including the Nuremberg Tribunal after World War Two.

As grounds for seeking the injunction, the Complaint cites "commonly accepted international law together with newly emerging world law." Vickman, who is a member of the Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control, said he is prepared with extensive documentation on the illegality of nuclear weapons under international law. "But," he said, "new world law is even more explicit." Under the heading of "world law," item 10 of the Complaint reads:

"Plaintiffs will show that World Law in the form of World Legislative Bill Number One, adopted by the Provisional World Parliament, September, 1982, is particularly clear on the issue, and provides the primary grounds both for this complaint and the requested remedies. Section 1 of this measure specifies: 'From the date of adoption of this bill by the Provisional World Parliament, all nuclear weapons . . . shall be outlawed . . . It shall be universally outlawed and prohibited anywhere on Earth to design, engage in research thereon, test, produce, manufacture, fabricate, transport, deploy, install, maintain, store, stockpile, sell, buy or use any nuclear weapons. . . .'"

Under the Summons, the defendant nations are given 60 days in which to reply, after which, Vickman states, "a trial by jury will be set for sometime before the end of 1983." Vickman also pointed out that according to the rules of the Court, which are the same as for the U.S. Supreme Court, "judgment by default will be taken against any defendant who may fail to file a responsive pleading as required by the Summons within the specified time."

In addition to the immediate restraining order and the permanent injunction against nuclear weapons, the Suit also seeks a Court order directing "the defendants to cooperate in the establishment and implementation of the World Disarmament Agency specified in World

Legislative Bill Number One, and pursuant to the procedures specified in said Bill." Vickman points out that according to the Disarmament Bill, which is attached to the Complaint as Exhibit C, "a Board of Trustees for the World Disarmament Agency will be formed and is to be composed of 25 members appointed under supervision of the Provisional World Parliament, 25 members named by ratifying countries, 15 members named by ratifying local or regional governmental authorities, 15 members named by ratifying universities, and 15 members named by other ratifying non-governmental organizations."

"Far from being an isolated action," Vicman stated, "the suit which we have entered is only the first of many which may be taken before provisional District World Courts to defend the rights of humanity. Although the Nuremberg Tribunal which tried "war criminals" after World War Two, and Bertrand Russell's Stockholm War Crimes Tribunal of the Vietnam war era both give some important precedents for the present suit," Mr. Vickman said, "these earlier actions were entirely ad hoc. The Provisional District World Courts are organized in the context of a Constitution for World Federation and an evolving World Parliament, all of which," he said, "is being implemented by stages, with the objective of emerging into a fully ratified and fully functioning Federation of Earth to solve world problems peacefully and to serve the continuing needs of humanity."

The sessions of the Provisional World Parliament, Vickman explained, are being organized by the World Constitution and Parliament Association, with world headquarters at 8800 West 14th Ave., Lakewood, Colorado. Listed as Secretary General of this association on its letterhead is Philip Isely, an integrative engineer, businessman and writer. When reached by telephone, Mr. Isely, who lives on Lookout Mountain near Denver, stated that the World Constitution and Parliament Association had been working since 1958, with members in 50 countries, and during that time had organized three sessions of a World Constituent Assembly, which completed the Constitution for the Federation of Earth in 1977. Isely said that plans were underway to convene the next session of the Parliament in some country of Africa in 1984, and after that perhaps in India.

The Provisional World Parliament, Isely said, "now lists 145 Honorary Sponsors from 55 countries, although the Sponsors do not necessarily endorse all actions by the Parliament. Among them are four current Judges of the International Court of Justice at the Hague, including Dr. T. O. Elias, President of the Court and President of the World Association of Judges, who was former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria; Jose Sette-Camara, Vice President of the Court from Brazil, former Mayor of Brasilia and U. N. Ambassador; Keba Mbaye, a Judge of the Supreme Court of Senegal and Vice Chairman of the International Institute of Human Rights; and Dr. Nagendra Singh, a former Vice President of the World Court and President of the Indian Society of International Law. Also listed as Honorary Sponsors are Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan of Pakistan, former President of the World Court at The Hague and President of the U. N. General Assembly in 1962-63; Dr. Linus Pauling, recipient of Nobel Prizes in both World Peace and in Chemistry, as well as of the Lenin Prize; Ramsey Clark, former U. S. Attorney General; together with 36 other former and current Cabinet Ministers of National Governments, 8 former Prime Ministers, 25 former or current delegates to the U. N. General Assembly or officials of U. N. Agencies, 9 university chancellors, 8 Nobel Laureates, 4 winners of the Lenin Prize, and other noted scientists, jurists, professors, businessman,

members of national parliaments, and other leaders from both Eastern Bloc and Western Bloc countries and particularly from "Third World" countries.

When asked about the relation between this suit and the nuclear freeze movement, Isely said, "While the nuclear freeze debate has aroused people to the danger, our suit aims at the total elimination of nuclear weapons in time to assure human survival. Trying to negotiate a freeze," Isely said, "could take many years, meanwhile leaving mankind subject to the daily and spreading threat of nuclear annihilation, and leaving the 50,000 or more weapons still aimed and ready to fire even if a freeze were obtained." "The only safe equality and the only deterrence against a first strike," Isely insisted, "is zero nuclear weapons without further delay." Speaking of the comprehensive nature of the present suit, Isely said, "It is virtually useless to outlaw or try to limit the use of nuclear weapons without also prohibiting their design, testing, production, deployment, since once used in nuclear war, it would be too late to bring law violators to Court or to invoke other remedies."

The selection of judges for the District World Court in Los Angeles is being made by a nominating commission whose chairman is Dr. Robert K. Woetzel, currently a professor at the Institute of Politics and Government of the University of Southern California. Dr. Woetzel, who has taught at 15 universities in the U. S. A., England and West Germany, is President of the Foundation for the Establishment of an International Criminal Court and of the International Human Rights Conference, and is author of "The Nuremberg Trials in International Law." Among the first to accept nomination to serve as a judge of the Provisional District World Court is Professor Frank Newman, former Justice of the California Supreme Court and now a Professor at the University of California at Berkeley.

"Issuing of the complaint and summons on June 27," Isely said, "coincides with the anniversary date of June 27, 1977, when the 135 delegates to the World Constituent Assembly at Innsbruck, Austria, put their signatures on the original draft for adoption of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth."

**FEDERATION OF EARTH PROVISIONAL DISTRICT WORLD COURT
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

In re: MORE THAN 50,000
NUCLEAR WEAPONS

CASE NUMBER:
PDWC NO. LA-83-0001

THE PEOPLE OF OF THE EARTH,

Plaintiffs,

-vs-

CHINA (PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC), FRANCE, UNION OF
SOVIET SOCIALIST REPS., UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED
STATES, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CANADA, CZECHOS-
LOVAKIA, GERMAN DEM. REP., FED. REP. OF GER-
MANY, GREECE, HUNGARY, ITALY, NETHERLANDS,
POLAND, ROMANIA, SOUTH KOREA, SPAIN, TAIWAN,
ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, INDIA, IRAQ, ISRAEL, LIBYA,
PAKISTAN, SOUTH AFRICA.

Defendants.

SUMMONS

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED.

THE COURT MAY DECIDE
AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR
BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU
RESPOND WITHIN THE TIME SET
BELOW

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, You are hereby summoned and required to serve, by registered mail, upon:

LEON L. VICKMAN, A Law Corporation

plaintiffs' attorney, whose address is:

16255 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 605
Encino, California 91435
U. S. A.

a response to the complaint which is herewith served upon you within sixty (60) days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You are required to file your original responsive pleading, by mail, with the clerk of this court, at: 14551 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California 91403, U. S. A. The rules of this Court are the same as the current rules of the United States Supreme Court.

DATE: May 24, 1983 Provisional District World Court

Summons and Complaint
served by Express Mail
on 27 June, 1983

By:

Federation of Earth Provisional
District World Court
14551 Ventura Boulevard
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
U. S. A.

**SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY
FORUM FOR WORLD PEACE**

1982-83 REPORT

SENT BY THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF THE SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY

'Forum for World Peace' is established at Sardar Patel University as a branch of 'World Union'. It is funded by 'World Union'.

World Union is a non-profit non-political movement for human unity and world peace and progress based on a spiritual foundation. Its headquarter is at Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry.

Forum for World Peace intends to encourage thinking and writing on the theme of peace: individual and collective. It is to consist of such students, teachers and citizens as are drawn to the concept of peace. The main idea is to promote understanding, collaboration and unity of hearts. An undertaking to work for Peace, each in his area, is enough to qualify for membership.

The Vice-Chancellor as President has nominated Dr. Dilavarsinh Jadeja, Principal, Nalini-Arvind & T.V. Patel Arts College, Vallabh Vidyanagar, as the Secretary of 'Forum for World Peace'.

The following Programme as well as lectures cum discussions were arranged by the Forum during its fourth year of inception at Nalini & Arvind Arts College.

Sl. No.	Speaker	Subject	Date
1.	Prof. Yashwantbhai Shukla, Ahmedabad	Disarmament & Human Survival (Note: Lecture was based on the special issue of 'Gandhi Marg', Journal of the Gandhi Peace Foundation).	27.6.82
2.	Shri Sundaram, Pondicherry	Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga	22.7.82
3.	Shri Sundaram, Pondicherry	Ideal of Learning	23.7.82
4.	Prof. Ashwin Kapadia, Bharuch	Sri Aurobindo's Vision in 'SAVITRI'	6.8.82
5.	Student-Artists of Vallabh Vidyanagar	Presentation of Patriotic and devotional group songs	15.8.82
6.	Prof. Dr. Gunvant Shah, Surat	Strategy for Peace	4.10.82
7.	Prof. Dr. Leo Elison, Colgate University, Hamilton, U. S. A.	Disarmament and Human Survival	21.1.83
8.	Smt. Mira Bhatt, Bhavnagar	Vinoba Bhave's Message of JAI JAGAT	24.1.83
	Member-Artists from Prof. (Dr.) J. V. Anjaria's Family, Anand	Devotional songs	20.2.83

Report of the Seminar on 'Human Rights through a World Constitution' held by West Bengal Local Chapter of World Constitution and Parliament Association on 27th June, 1983 - NEW AGE DAY at 18A Ramdhone Mittra Lane, Calcutta 700004:

The Seminar started at 6.40 P.M. Dr. Pratap Chandra Chunder presided.

In his secretarial report, the Jt. Secretary of the Local Chapter read the message sent by Sri A. B. Patel, Co-President of W. C. P. A., International. Then he explained in brief, the aims, objectives and activities of the organisation. Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, Chairman, World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal, while explaining the significance of the New Age Day, said that the Constitution which is an ideal one, would remain as a pious document unless agreed to by some state powers. He explained how World Union is working hand in hand with W. C. P. A. in order to bring spiritual renaissance of fraternity among human race. He cited examples of world events which indicate a trend towards spiritualism and brotherhood.

Dr. Arun Sil, Vice-President of the Local Chapter, introduced the subject and the main speaker in his welcome address. He pointed out that narrow definition of rights would be incomplete for an ideal human society. He referred to Sri Aurobindo's 'Ideal of Human Unity' and quoted some relevant lines from 'Savitri'.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) S. A. Masud, main speaker of the Seminar gave a vivid description of the procedures followed by the U. N. O. concerning matters of human rights. He mentioned of innumerable violation of human rights throughout the world. As a remedy, he opined a World Constitution would be of great help. He did not completely rule out the possibility of formation of a World Government considering the recent developments in European countries who have formed European Community sacrificing parts of their sovereignty. A World Government can no more be taken as Utopia at present, he added and he wished success of the W. C. P. A. Movement.

In his Presidential address Dr. Pratap Chandra Chunder, Ex. Education Minister of the Government of India and President of the Local Chapter, explained the development of world affairs, from the past to the present. Referring to China's recent move towards socialist spiritual revolution, he showed how the value of morality becomes of prime importance in an ideal society. He mentioned that Indian 'norms' of society were primarily determined on 'duties' rather than 'rights' which were given less importance. This ancient Indian approach may be helpful to the solution of the problems cropped up in modern times where immorality prevails. According to Dr. Chunder, 'Question of Rights' should be given equal importance to those of duties at U.N.O. also. He emphasised that World Union and World Government would not be far from reality if people are properly enlightened by continuous efforts of the organisations engaged in that noble task.

Sri S.K. Palit, Secretary, World Union North Calcutta Centre proposed the vote of thanks.

NOTE: In the last Focus the name of the speaker was wrongly printed as M. A. Masud. We are sorry for this printing mistake.



General Secretary
July 21, 1983

MEMBERS' PAGE

Sri Nabendu Mustafi, Jt. Secretary, W.C.P.A. (Local Chapter), West Bengal states—referring Members' Page of January 1983:-

“World Government does not necessarily mean ‘World Union’ World State and World Union are complimentary. World Union Movement will have to be continued not only to maintain the unity through the ages but also to bring improvement in the quality of human unity”

With reference to ‘Member’s Page’ of April ‘83 he comments:-

“Though apparently political, non-aligned movement is a step forward to World Union.”

Shri D. K. Bhattacharya, Chairman, Alambazar Centre—states in regard to Members' Page of April 1983, “Non-Aligned Movement is only a part of the World Union Movement and is not isolated. The two Movements are nearer in their concept for Peace and Progress of the world no matter even if it be a non-spiritual approach.”

It may be pointed out that Nature’s working in humanity aids the Movement of World Union and Non-Aligned Summit is also a part of her working to lead mankind to form the outer-basis. If World Union is the aim then the Non-Aligned Movement may be regarded as one of the means.

We have already had lots of discussion on the above issues and therefore with these comments we may conclude the same to pay more attention to the current issues.

DIALOGUE (13)

NATURE AND HUMAN PROGRESS

Son — Pappa, yesterday you told me that I should discuss atleast one question on any subject with you every night after dinner.

Father ... Yes. But yesterday you didn’t come.

Son — Yesterday I had none; but today I’ve got two.

Father — What are they?

Son — Firstly— is there any country in the world the peoples of which have never revolted against their rulers,—be it foreign or indigenous?

And my second question is why are there so many conflicting political ideas or ideals to hinder human progress?

Father — Your questions are no doubt very interesting. I think you must have contemplated on them and got some answers from within. If that be so, please let me know first what they are.

Son — Yes, I've got some answers, but, 'I am not sure whether they are right or wrong. History of the world says that no country could avoid internal conflict in some form or the other between its people and its rulers. It seems to me that Nature's intention is there behind all such conflicts. But it is not clear why does Nature so intend. In regard to my second question the answer is the same— Nature is there behind the surface,— but why? That is after all my query.

Father — The answers you received from within are cent percent correct. You could not have anything more because your mental Inferences disturbed your inner silence and nothing was reflected. Nevertheless, try again and you'll get the answers.

Son — But I like to have it from you.

Father — All right. Perhaps you know that all modern political ideals or ideas like democracy, socialism, communism, etc. . are the by-products of the triple gospel of French Revolution—Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. The truth of the gospel is yet to be realised by man. Nature intends that man must realise it; but man's ego --individual or communal baffles Nature's endeavour. Surely you'll admit that if any political ideal is to ensure human progress it must be founded upon *Fraternity*. But fraternity is something quite contrary to the nature of the ego; the ego could never speak of fraternity. That is why no problem—between nations could be radically solved.

Son — Here, I think national ego stands as stumbling block.

Father — Yes. National Sovereignty nurtures this national ego in one way or the other. Man must cross this barrier if he is to take the next step of his progress.

Son — Now I understand Pappa, that Nature is endeavouring to do away with this ego element but man is not collaborating and therefore, Nature has to take her own courses to create crushing circumstances as a result there are so many conflicts-- big and small, so many ups and downs in the Movement of humanity's progress.

— *From a Member's diary*

CORRIGENDA

We are very sorry to note that inspite of our earnest effort there remained certain printing mistakes in the Focus and Members' Page of July 1983. They are now corrected.

(1) Focus-Page 2-third para, 6th line—Please read December 25, 1960 (and, not 1969 as printed).

(2) Members' Page: Lion Prof. K. S. Viswanathan's comments:

- (i) Please read 'by word' and not 'by world' as printed.**
- (ii) Please read 'vast chain reactions' and not 'vast chain of reactions'.**



Sooner or later the Truth is bound to prevail.

Nothing, not even the darkest falsehood can stop the ultimate triumph of Truth.

Truth is sure to conquer one day and the Grace is always there unfailing. Those who keep their faith steady are safe.

You are right— nothing can harm your soul and the Victory of the Truth is certain.

FALSEHOOD

But very few are those who are conscious of the Lord, and it is this unconsciousness that constitutes the Falsehood of the world.

Quite true, in the Prescnce of the Lord's Peace the Falsehood runs away in shame!

The Mother

**On 15th August 1983 The 111th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo
AIR Pondicherry broadcasted a special bulletin on
Sri Aurobindo and his Ashram by M. P. Pandit**

More than four thousand devotees from all over the country and abroad paid their homage at the Samadhi of Sri Aurobindo on the 15th, the 111th anniversary of his birth. All meditated in silence for half-an-hour uniting their aspirations for the advent of a reign of Peace, Light and Harmony in the world. They visited the room where the Yogi had lived for twenty-five years and received benedictions.

A new biography of Sri Aurobindo, issued by the Ministry of Information, Govt. of India in the *Builders of India* series, was released at a special function in the evening. It will be recalled that Sri Aurobindo was one of the chief architects of the Independence of India. Even as early as in the first decade of this century, he declared that freedom for India was a must, not only in the interests of the country but more for the good of the world. He raised the national movement to a high level of God-ordained mission and revived the people's faith in the eternal values for which India has always stood. Through his writings, speeches and revolutionary activities, he set a whole nation on fire with the war-cry of BANDE MATARAM. Alongside he took care to organise alternate systems of education, commerce, judiciary, and laid the foundations of New India. Even after the attainment of freedom on a Day which is also his own birthday, he emphasised that the destined role for India in the comity of nations is spiritual. India has to work to be the spiritual guide of the world.

As the Mother has declared: "Sri Aurobindo always loved deeply his motherland. But he wished her to be great, noble, pure and worthy of her big mission in the world. He refused to let her sink to the sordid and vulgar level of blind self-interests and ignorant prejudices. This is why, in full conformity to his will, we lift high the standard of truth, progress and transformation of mankind, without caring for those who, through ignorance, stupidity, envy or bad will seek to soil it and drag it down into the mud. We carry it very high so that all who have a soul may see and gather round it."

In her memorable words, on another occasion,

"We do not fight against any creed, any religion.
We do not fight against any form of Government.
We do not fight against any social class.
We do not fight against any nation or civilisation.
We are fighting division, unconsciousness, ignorance, inertia and falsehood."

The Ashram that has grown around Sri Aurobindo and shaped by the Mother, has engaged itself in preparing for this noble task. Abstaining from all political involvements, it is participating in the nation-building effort in several constructive ways. A scheme of education based upon the human potential of the body, vitality, mind and soul, is being developed at the Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education. Considerable research is in progress in scientific farming, land reclamation, afforestation, nutrition health, solar-energy utilisation and so on.

Centres for the practice and spread of this Message of perfection of life have been opened all over the country and also abroad. The main thrust of this activity is towards integration, collaboration and total peace in the society. Reports have just been received of the installation of the Relics of Sri Aurobindo at a Centre in Pensacola, Florida, in America at a moving ceremony attended by many devotees in that country. This is the first time that the Relics have left the shores of India fulfilling the aspirations of several people in the West.

The Sri Aurobindo Ashram has marked this occasion of the 15th by contributing Rs 5000 for the relief of the Sri Lanka Tamil population affected by the recent wave of violence on the island. The token contribution has been handed to the Chief Secretary of the Government of the State of Pondicherry.

In keeping with the living World-Vision of Sri Aurobindo the Ashram keeps abreast of all positive developments in the world and plays a helpful role in the general progression.

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Regional Centre, West Bengal: It held its Annual General Meeting on the 26th June 1983 under the Presidentship of Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya. After carrying out its routine business the members of the State Council ratified the election of Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya as the Secretary of the Regional Centre. The programme of work including celebration of silver Jubilee and World Union Day as chalked out were approved by the house.

Andul: It held its inaugural meeting on the 15th May 1983 when Sri Indu Bhusan Sinha Roy explained the ideal of World Union in the light of the Vedas and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on the concept of World Union.

Bagnan: It has been organising 'Life Divine' classes twice a week and monthly classes on 'The Ideal of Human Unity' which is conducted by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee. On the 30th June 1983 the members observed the death anniversary of Late Tinkori Mitra who was an inmate of Sri Aurobindo Ashram when Sri Indu Bhusan Sinha Roy spoke on the activities of the departed soul.

Bangalore: It held its monthly meeting on 11th June and 9th July 1983 at the Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs.

In the June meeting Dr. K. Rajagopalachar, M.A.Ph.D., was the Chief Guest and gave a scholarly exposition on the subject "Language as a binding Force to unite Mankind."

In the July meeting Smt. Lalita Subba Rao was the Chief Guest. She spoke on 'The Role of Women in building bridges of amity amongst mankind and international understanding among Nations.'

Beliaghata: The fourth general meeting of the Centre was held on the 3rd July 1983 with the tape-recorded music of the Mother. Sri Gautam Roy, presided. Sri P.P. Bhattacharya discussed 'Purushatraya' of the Gita. Sri Rajen Ganguly of Sri Aurobindo Ashram spoke on his personal experience of the Mother's company.

Chelyama: The Centre was inaugurated on the 7th June 1983 by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee who spoke on 'World Union Consciousness'. He also explained the five dreams of Sri Aurobindo. The members of the Centre also arranged for holding several meetings in the district of Purulia on 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th June 1983 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed the ideals of Sri Aurobindo.

Dhenkanal: The Centre was inaugurated on 19.7.83 by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee when he explained how a conscious force was working behind the evolution to lead mankind to establish a divine society on this earth. Humanity was to collaborate with the work of the force.

Durgapur: This Centre was also inaugurated by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee on June 22, 1983. In his inaugural address he explained the concept and practice of World Union. He gave much stress on how to dissolve the ego.

Maithon: On 5th June it held a meeting when Sri Satya Basu, Secretary, Sri Aurobindo Pathamandir, the Chief Guest discussed the ideology of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. He also spoke on 'Collaboration with the Nature as explained by the Mother.' On the next day in another meeting Sri Basu gave a talk on 'Supramental Light'— for which Sri Aurobindo and the Mother did arduous Sadhana.

On the 23rd and 24th June 1983 the Centre held Special Meetings when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on 'The Philosophy and the Yoga' of Sri Aurobindo.

New Alipur: It held its monthly meeting on the 7th July 1983 when Smt. Mira Mukherjee discussed the 'Mother's Questions & Answers' relating to dynamic faith and great trust in connection with illness. Sri Rajen Ganguly of Sri Aurobindo Ashram talked on the significance of the Mother's appearance on this earth in his usual rhythmic style.

Nanjangud: The Centre started a small Social Service Unit on the 16th July 1983 as a part of its programme for Silver Jubilee Celebrations. The Unit under the guidance of Lion Prof. K.S. Viswanathan would enthuse the young boys who are groping in the dark to build up their career. Moral instruction and some general knowledge would also be imparted in them.

Nandan Nagar: It held its second monthly meeting on 28.5.83. Sri R.N. Guha Neogi inaugurated the meeting when Sri P.C. Ghosal presided. Sri P. P. Bhattacharya was the Guest-in-Chief. The subject discussed in the meeting was 'The Ideals and Teachings of Sri Aurobindo'. Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya, Sri P.P. Bhattacharya, Sri Nani Roy, Sri Amulyaratan Saha, Km. Tula Saha, Sri Sadhan Ghosal, Sri Sunil Majumder, Smt. Nandita Bose and Smt. Phulu Datta participated. The meeting was ended with devotional songs offered by the students of Ram Krishna Sangeet Vidyalaya.

North Calcutta: Its 11th meeting was held on 20.6.83. In his introductory talk Sri Sujit Palit reiterated the aims and objectives of World Union and emphasised that the movement was a perpetual process of self-enlargement to the extent of total humanity and that that was why World Union stands on spiritual foundations. Here lay the difference between World Union and any other political, social or humanitarian organisation. The Guest Speaker Sri Rajen Ganguly of Sri Aurobindo Ashram spoke on 'Sadhana of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.'

Raghunathpur: Its monthly meeting was held on 12th April 1983 when Sri Srinivas Chatterjee the Guest Speaker explained the significance of World Union and the importance of the yoga of Sri Aurobindo. Then Sri Rathin Banerjee spoke on 'Avatar' with reference to Sri Ramkrishna and Sri Aurobindo. The meeting ended with 'Matri-Sangeet' offered by Sri Tapan Manna.

Rishra: It held its monthly meeting on 8.6.83 to discuss 'LOVE AND ONENESS' and on 15th July Sri Milan Sikder discussed a question: 'Suffering knows no bound in human life, why? '.

Salt Lake: It held its 24th monthly meeting on 11.6.83 and 25th monthly meeting on 9.7.83.

In the 24th monthly meeting the members discussed the important points from the Manifesto of the Spiritual Party of India.

In the 25th monthly meeting the members followed up discussion on the various aspects of the symposium conducted by the Centre on 12.6.83.

The object of the symposium was to show that in essence all religions are one. Father Dr. M. R. West traced historical evolution of Christianity and Dr. H. Rahman elaborated the main principles and practice of Islam and, lastly, Sri S. P. Sen Verma analysed the eternal truth that lay in the Vedic hymns. It was a very encouraging and meaningful symposium conducted by the Centre as a part of its Silver Jubilee celebration programme. Sri S. K. Roy Chowdhury welcomed the learned speakers and the distinguished guests and members and their friends. Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, Chairman, Regional Centre, West Bengal apprised the audience of the fundamental principles of World Union. In his Presidential address Dr. R. K. De made a synthesis of the speeches and Smt. Anjali Roy proposed a vote of thanks.

Santaldih: It held its inaugural meeting on 8th June 1983 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee expounded why meditation was necessary and how it would help in the work of World Union.

New Centres:

Bahala: This Centre was set up on 7.5.83 under the inspiration and guidance of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Coordinator of World Union in the Eastern Region. The Secretary is Smt. Nanda Ganguli and the address of the Centre is: World Union Behala Centre, 39 Swami Vivekananda Road, Calcutta 700051.

Tilutia: This Centre was set up on March 26, 1983 under the inspiration and guidance of Sri P. P. Bhattacharya. The Secretary is Sri Mrinal Kanti Dutta and the address of the Centre is: World Union Tilutia Centre, P. O. KURUMBA (Via: Labhpur), Vill: Tilutia, Dt: Bhirbhum (West Bengal).

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The figure remains the same as published in the January 1983 Focus.



Deputy General Secretary
July 21, 1983.



WORLD CONSTITUTION AND PARLIAMENT ASSOCIATION

—Essential Further Projects—

Nationalism and National-Sovereignty are unlikely to serve the best interests of the human race in the present world conditions. All around the world powerful forces, factors and problems demand the shaping of a new world; this world must become One and united. Nothing less than a World Authority and a World Administration can meet the needs of the present world conditions. There are many problems facing the humanity which can hardly be solved by a single nation, however powerful. World Authority and World Administration are essential to tackle and satisfactorily solve the present world problems. If the present world leaders, most of whom are also leaders in their respective nations, accept the need for a World Authority and Administration, they should endeavour to arrange that each nation accepts to part with a portion of this Sovereignty for the creation of a World Authority. This has to happen unless the human race, through the stupidities of its leaders, have to disappear from this Planet Earth by a nuclear holocaust. Will the world leaders awaken to the need of the formation of a World Authority?

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS :

World Constitution and Parliament Association :

Mr. Philip Isely, the Secretary General of W.C.P.A. in Lakewood, Colorado, USA, ably supported by his wife Mrs. Margaret, has created a group of workers around the world by his untiring efforts for about three decades. He has always felt convinced that unless there is a World Authority, the prospects for the survival of the human race are bleak. He arranged the preparation of a draft World Constitution for the Federation of Earth which was placed before the World Constituent Assembly held at Innsbruck Austria, in June 1977. The Constitution for the Federation of Earth was finalised and adopted at that Constituent Assembly at Innsbruck. After that the W.C.P.A. arranged Conferences one at Colombo in 1978-1979 and another at New Delhi in 1981. Mr. Philip Isely was all the time thinking in terms of Design and Action for a New World, and for charting the route by which people who want peace and equity can take charge of world affairs. Due to his untiring efforts the First

Provisional World Parliament met at Brighton (UK) from the 4th to the 17th September 1982, which was organised under Article XIX of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. Among the work done by the said Provisional World Parliament, of which the undersigned had the honour and privilege to act as the Speaker, the following important five Bills were duly adopted:

1. Bill to Outlaw Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction and to Create a World Disarmament Agency.

2. Bill to inaugurate a World Economic Development Organisation, to achieve a New World Economic Order.

3. Bill for the Ownership, Administration and Development of the Oceans and Seabeds of Earth as the Common Heritage of the People of Earth.

4. Bill for a Graduate School of World Problems, as part of a World University System.

5. Bill for Provisional District World Courts, to provide avenues for the adjudication and enforcement of World Legislation.

In pursuance of the Bill set out as No. 5 aforesaid and due to the active cooperation of a wellknown Advocate of Los Angeles, California, U.S.A., Mr. Leon L. Vickman of Los Angeles, "Federation of Earth Provisional District World Court" has come into existence at Los Angeles. In that Court a case has been filed by Mr. Vickman - The People Of The Earth as Plaintiffs and twenty eight countries, including China, France, Soviet Russia, United Kingdom and United States as Defendants and in that case the Plaintiffs have among other things alleged that they, the Plaintiffs, have information and they, the Plaintiffs, believe that some Defendants presently possess nuclear weapons and some can manufacture nuclear weapons that are poised for use against human population centres, as well as numerous other target areas which will inevitably drastically affect human populations. Therefore the Plaintiffs have respectfully prayed to the Court for seven reliefs, the first three of which are set out hereunder:-

1. That this Court declares that nuclear weapons are illegal under international and world law.

2. That this Court issues a permanent injunction prohibiting the design, research, testing, production, manufacture, fabrication, transportation, deployment, installation, maintaining, storing, stockpiling, sale, purchase, as well as the use or threatened use of any nuclear weapons by any country or any person or persons.

3. That this Court issues a temporary restraining order to the same effect as under No.2 above.

The said case will come for hearing within a few months but the summons have been served on all the twenty eight countries through their Embassies in Washington.

The work of Mr. Philip Isely of the W.C.P.A. is often delayed or obstructed due to want of necessary finances. But Mr. Philip Isely is all the time thinking about the best interests of the human race and planning new projects for taking effective action to safeguard those interests. He has recently suggested an outline of work for the next seven years:

1. 1984—To hold Provisional World Parliament in Sudan last quarter of the year, provided Sudan Government will sponsor and reschedule.

2. 1985-- To hold Provisional World Parliament in country of Latin America or Northern South America (e.g. Venezuela) provided W.C.P.A. basic materials are printed and circulated

in Spanish two years in advance, and Government of host country will sponsor.

3. 1986 - To hold Provisional World Parliament in Nigeria or other Third World Country whose government will sponsor the Parliament (in 1985 the Parliament could be held in Nigeria, in 1986 in Latin America depending on appropriate sponsorship and potential participation.)

4. 1987 To hold the Fourth Session of the World Constituent Assembly in India. There must be two full years of extensive discussion of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, including proposed amendment, before this Assembly is held, and there must be an assurance of competent delegates from many countries, including delegates from national parliaments/governments beforehand. The host country for the Assembly must be *very* friendly.

5. 1988 To hold Provisional World Parliament—location dependent on very positive development of support.

6. 1989—To hold World Parliament with twenty-five countries having ratified Constitution.

7. 1990 To hold World Parliament with fifty countries having ratified Constitution.

Mr. Philip Isely has suggested this partial outline, and has not included the many aspects of the W.C.P.A. programme which must be included in the development outline, including the progress on provisional ratification, the formation of the Provisional World Cabinet, the progress on gaining support and ratification for World Legislation Bill No. 1, the steps to be taken for implementation of Bill No. 2 WEDO, and of course the necessary progressive financial support, etc.

But Mr. Philip Isely believes that W.C.P.A. must have an outline or target^{*} projection for all of this in order to carry out W.C.P.A. programme and in order to obtain both financial support and other participation to carry out the programme. Our original 5-Year Plan adopted in 1977 at Innsbruck is long out of date. W.C.P.A. plan to hold the World Constituent Assembly in 1985 cannot be carried out effectively because the Earth Constitution has not been printed and circulated in the several languages as yet, and the two year period of relevant discussion and preparation of truly competent delegates with government participation has not gone forward. Thus he proposes to allow until 1987 to accomplish the necessary preparations and involvement, meanwhile holding sessions of the Provisional World Parliament through which support can be built up and meanwhile also progress could be made with both World Legislative Bills 1 and 2, as well as such legislation as the next sessions of the Parliament enacts, AND progress will be made on world court action, and other projects.

It will be noted that the proposal for sessions 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987 are all in the so-called "third world" countries. This is because it is believed that the people and governments of many of the "third world" countries are more ready to move in the direction of implementing a world federation, world government, world parliament which has a mandate for exercising maximum authority to solve basic problems of human existence and welfare on the Planet Earth, and of carrying into operation the legislation of such a World Parliament.

The people of the northern countries of the world, or of the countries which have all advantages of greater material welfare, are not ready for this kind of movement for world government yet. For example, the mass movements in the USA, Europe and Japan against

nuclear weapons and for disarmament do not support any kind of movement for world government or world federation. The leaders of these movements are short sighted, and the popular support for these movements both lacks the vision of a united world and is frightened by the mention of the phrase "world government", able only to think of government in terms of military oppressions. These people, and leaders, cannot at the present time be reached on the basis of intellectual analysis to obtain their support for W.C.P.A. movement. Where the movement for world government or "world law" is developed and has some support in the "have" parts of the world, it is on the basis of a very minimal approach, where the main function of the world authority is limited to disarmament or to policing the world with unchallengeable military power, and where any measures for world economic development are carried out in terms which maintain the superiority and control of those who are presently on top of the human scramble by such tricks as "weighted" voting and making sure that the poor countries have to repay their old debts with honour, meaning with interests at any price necessary in devaluations, etc.

So, W.C.P.A. must build bases for support at this time primarily in the "third world" countries, and include in this support both the top civilian leadership and parliamentary/government support. If this is done then in a few years it will be possible to approach with a massive campaign the so-called developed countries and ask them to join the majority of the human race. Meanwhile, of course, it is essential to continue to make appeals to people in the "peace" and "ecology" movements, etc. of the USA, Europe, Japan, etc., to show that this programme of action is the next step for them to take. There is some support in these countries now, but it is fragmentary and does not comprise any popular movement. Gradually effort should be made to build up this support, but without expecting it to suddenly this year or next mushroom into the strong movement which is needed in due course. However, within a few years, assuming that it is possible to build up strong support and action in the "third world", then the people and leadership in USA, Europe, etc. may be persuaded to join in larger numbers: because the protest movements, the small-scale decentralist community movements, the "world citizenship without world government" movements cannot solve the problems. This programme has basic merit, which will be recognised in due course if the movement is built and developed where the support potential is greatest now.

It is not necessary to worry about other organisations and their programmes: If this programme has merit, most will be joining it in due course if really concerned with worldwide human welfare.

All those who have the interests of the human race at heart are cordially invited to do their best to support most heartily the work being done by W.C.P.A.

Late Mr. Puran Singh Azad:

Late Mr. Puran Singh Azad was a very active member and worker of the World Constitution and Parliament Association and his untimely and sad demise at the age of 55 years is a great loss to the W.C.P.A. movement. We have West Bengal Local Chapter of the World Constitution and Parliament Association and we have received for publication a condolence resolution regarding sad and sudden demise of Puran Singh Azad, adopted by the Executive

Committee meeting of West Bengal Local Chapter of W.C.P.A. on 7th August 1983:

"This meeting of the Executive Committee of the West Bengal Local Chapter of World Constitution and Parliament Association expresses its deep sense of condolence at the sad and sudden demise of Puran Singh Azad, General Secretary, W.C.P.A. India Committee, on July 31, 1983. He was also the President of World Sikh Convention. The untimely death of such a veteran journalist, freedom fighter and a most active participant as a leader in the movement of W.C.P.A. as Sri Puran Singh Azad was, is a great loss to us all. Our condolence to the bereaved members of the family."



General Secretary
September 19, 1983

The manifestation of the Supramental upon earth is no more a promise but a living fact, a reality.

It is at work here, and a day will come when the most blind, the most unconscious, even the most unwilling shall be obliged to recognise it. [1956]

For those who use their physical eyes alone, the victory will be apparent only when it is total, that is to say, physical. [1957]

The Mother

MEMBERS' PAGE

This time we are to draw your attention to the 'Policy Statement' adopted by the 7th Triennial Conference held in Bombay in November last year, published in the January 1983 Focus.

It may be seen therefrom that the Conference authorised the Executive Committee of World Union to appoint a Task Committee to evolve and prepare a concrete plan both for individual and organisations with a view to effectuating the principles laid down in the Statement.

In this connection the editorial of August-September 1983 (SILVER JUBILEE) issue as also of this issue of our journal may also please be perused, wherein our Editor discussed about starting of units.

Our Chairman wishes to have precise and concrete suggestion as to:

- (a) How the Task Committee is to be set up or units organised?
- (b) What will be their programme of work?
- (c) And how the Programme is to be implemented?

Since individuals are the key power of our Movement it may please be seen that sufficient scope for their inner development must be there in the programme.

This new project may provisionally be undertaken from the beginning of the next year and if it yields encouraging result then approval of the Executive Committee may be obtained in its next meeting.

All letters on this particular issue may please be written separately under specific subject: "FORMATION OF A TASK COMMITTEE" and not mixed up with other matters to enable us to start a new file on this issue. It may also be seen that such letters reach here not later than the end of November 1983.

DIALOGUE (14)

NATIONAL INTEGRATION

Teacher — What are we to discuss today? I mean what is our subject?

Kamal — National Integration Sir.

Teacher — Oh! That's all right. But how to start with?

Ramen -- Sir, I think if we discuss three points then the whole subject will be covered.

Teacher -- What are they?

Ramen -- Firstly we have to explain why National Integration is necessary. Then we are to find out what are the disintegrating factors that stand in the way of integration; and lastly we are to examine how to do away with them.

Teacher -- Very good. Have you got any other point, any one of you?

Sanjay -- Yes sir! One more point is necessary and that is conclusion.

Teacher -- Yes, you are right. Now let us start with the first point. Who will convince us that National Integration is a necessity? Kamal or Ramen?

Kamal -- I've discussed it on my paper. Shall I read it out.

Teacher -- No, not now. Please submit it to me. If anybody else has got his paper on this point they may also submit it on my table. Now the next point is what are the disintegrating factors that stand in the way of integration. There may be so many factors. Let us discuss them one by one.

Ramen Sir! I've got something to say on this very point

Teacher -- Very good. We are ready to listen to you.

Ramen -- We know that diversities are there all over the world. In our country there are so many diverse languages, religions, social customs etc. As in other countries, so in our country too these diverse elements are made as disintegrating factors—either directly or indirectly by many a political party. Since ours is a democratic country and since in a democratic set up all parties big or small are to be equally respected, it is very difficult for the people to get rid of these disintegrating factors. Religious-fanaticism, untouchability, cry for sons of the soil and readjustment of territory on the basis of language have become political issues for bargaining power.

Kamal -- Yes sir! I do endorse his views. Here lies the root cause of so many socio-economic problems.

Teacher -- Then how to get rid of it?

Kamal -- We believe that the days of party-politics have gone long ago. Now we need union of parties or in other words,—we need assembly of the best souls of our

country to run the machine. If that can be done then all the disintegrating faces will surely be doomed and never rise again. The diversities can not be wiped out because they are the creation of Nature and not man-made. They are necessary for our growth and regeneration.

Teacher — Well said. Now we are to conclude. Sanjay, it is you who added this point of conclusion. So, you please conclude.

Sanjay — From our discussion we understand that National Integration is needed not only for our outer development but also for our regeneration. We also realise that diversities, as such, is not the root cause of divisiveness but they are made so for political purposes. So, to get rid of them it is necessary that the best souls of the country irrespective of their caste, creed, sex and even of the parties to which they now belong, should assemble to run the machine, so that the peoples from the Brahmin to Pariah from multi-millionaire to the destitutes may realise that they are not separate from each other but are living units of the united whole.

— *From a Member's Diary*

More and more my experience is that revelation (it comes, isn't it?) is applicable universally, but in its form it is always personal, always personal.

It is as it were one had one angle of vision of the Truth, necessarily it is one angle, from the very moment when it is put into words

You have a wordless, thoughtless experience, that of a kind of vibration which gives you the sensation of an absolute truth and then if you remain altogether motionless, seeking nothing to know, at the end of some time, something seems passing through a filter and that translates itself as an idea.

The Mother

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION:

World Union International celebrated Silver Jubilee on the 28th August 1983 when Sri M. P. Pandit presided.

After meditation Sri Sailen Roy a veteran inmate of the Ashram read out four self-composed poems on 'LOVE' and on 'THE MOTHER'. Then Sri A.B. Patel narrated briefly how World Union was set up and how it has been carrying out the Movement during the last 25 years.

Sri M. P. Pandit in his short but very inspiring speech assessed what we have done so far and what is yet to be done. He emphasised that individual is the key power of the Movement. It was the unpreparedness of the individual that would hinder progress of the Movement. So it was necessary that in the next phase of our Movement we must look into the matter and chalk out suitable programme for the progress of the Movement. He then invited comments on the issue and Dr. M. P. John and Dr. Indra Sen took part in the discourses. A friend of World Union, Pondicherry Centre, on being asked by Dr. John, explained why he joined World Union.

With the distribution of Prasad the meeting ended at about 6 P.M.

World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal: It organised celebration of Silver Jubilee along with observation of World Union Day on 21st August 1983 at Duttapukur when members of different World Union Centres in West Bengal assembled. It was a whole day programme. The theme of discussion was 'World Union Silver Jubilee and our Future Dreams'. It started with the flag hoisting by the Chairman of West Bengal Regional Centre who explained the Mother's symbol. Then Sri J. C. Paul, Secretary of the host Centre (Duttapukur Centre) welcomed the members. Prof. Dhyaneswari Narayan Chakrabarty gave a talk in support of World Union Movement. After introductory address of Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya, the Chairman opened the Seminar. Representatives from different local Centres reported their respective projects drawn up for Silver Jubilee which were or yet to be implemented.

In the evening session a musical-drama on the theme of 'Sri Ramakrishna in the eye of Sri Aurobindo' was presented jointly by the members of three Centres - Bon-Hooghly, Nandan Nagar and Baranagar conducted by Pandit Sadhan Ch. Ghosal, of Ramkrishna San-geet Vidyalaya.

In the literary function Km. Banasree Bhattacharya recited Sri Aurobindo's poem and Sri P.P. Bhattacharya and Sri Kanai Chatterjee read out their self composed poems. A message from Sri Promode Sen, founder of Nabajiban movement and formerly Editor of 'SRINVANTU' was read out.

Bangalore: Dr. T. Prasannasimha Rao reports that the Centre has chalked out a tentative programme for celebration of Silver Jubilee on different dates from 12th August to 26th November 1983. Accordingly on 12.8.83 it arranged Silver Jubilee lecture on 'SRI AUROBINDO' by Sri K. Channabasappa, Dist. Sessions Judge (Retd.). On 18th August it celebrated World Union Day under the Presidentship of Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao when a symposium on 'UNO as an Instrument of Service to Mankind in the fields of Peace, Education, Food and Agriculture' was organised. Sri M.L. Gopala Setty, Chairman Sri Rama Trust Committee, inaugurated the symposium. The students of High Schools participated and Sri M.K. Rameswaram was the moderator. After Presidential address the participants were awarded prizes.

Beliaghata: It held 5th and 6th general meeting on 23rd and 30th July 1983. In the latter meeting Dr. Ujjal Kr. Dutta spoke on 'Science and Religion'. In its 7th general meeting held on 28th August 1983 it celebrated Silver Jubilee when Sri Deepak Chakraborty presided. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Guest-in-chief, discussed 'Sri Aurobindo, the World Problem and its Solution'. He emphasised 'Sri Aurobindo differs from other spiritual leaders for his realistic philosophy'. A few members from different Centres were present.

Bidhan Nagar: It held several meetings during June to August 1983. In its June meeting Dr. Uma Roy an eminent scholar in the Vedas and Vaishnavism spoke on the trend of Indian spiritualism vis-a-vis Sri Aurobindo. In another meeting Sri Rajen Ganguly spoke on Transcendental Grace of the Mother. On 13th August 1983 Sri Sontosh Ghosh, Chairman of the Centre gave a talk on 'Sri Aurobindo's thought current' in A.I.R. Calcutta. It observed 111th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo on the 15th August.

Bon-Hooghly: The children group of this Centre organised its monthly meeting on 15th August when songs were offered and poems recited by the children. In the evening the adult members paid homage to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother when Sri Dulal Ch. Paul discussed 'Durga' is the Mother's power of protection. Dr. B. Bhattacharya spoke on 'One World—One Government' in the light of Sri Aurobindo and Swami Debananda of Arunachal Mission, who sent a message to the Peace Conference held in Paris in 1918.

Chakradharpur: The members observed World Union Day on the 20th August which was the first phase of the Centre's Silver Jubilee Programme. The next phase of the programme will be organised some time in December this year.

Nandan Nagar: In its 3rd monthly meeting held on 23.7.83 Sri P.P. Bhattacharya, the Guest-in-Chief, Dr. B. Bhattacharya, Sri P.K. Sengupta, Sri D.C. Pal, Sri Sadhan Chandra Ghosal, Km. Tutu Saha, Amulya Ratan Saha and Sunil Mazumdar participated in the discussion on "Sri Aurobindo, the Mother, Loknath Brahmachari, Swami Vivekananda, Sri Ramakrishna" and their importance for the survival of mankind. The meeting was presided over by Sri R.N. Guha Neogi. The opening song on Sri Aurobindo was presented by Km. Archana Mazumdar and Sathi Ghosal.

New Delhi & Motibagh: Sri J.N. Puri reports that the following activities were held during August 1983 :

18-8-83 — The local Secretary of World Union attended 'All-World One-Family' meeting organised by the Delhi Chapter of the Temple of Understanding under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Judith Holister. She explained the theme of constructing multi-religious worship houses of Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Confucianism under one roof in all the 66 Centres of the Organisation all over the world.

21-8-83 — Motibagh and New Delhi Centres monthly meeting was held under the Presidentship of Shri Venugopalan who opened the discussion on "Atheism and Theism". The participants covered various dimensions like theological, social, economic and modern development in science and technology in course of their discussion. It was strongly felt that there was some spiritual power –guiding and moving the humanity. References to integral yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the lessons of Srimad Bhagwat Gita were also made.

In the evening of the same day Sri Puri attended the meeting of Quaker International Affairs in South Asia, as a Representative of World Union. The meeting informally discussed the subject of 'Disarmament and Development.' Among the participants, there were Shri Chakrabarty of U.N.I. Centres, Shri Hem Chandra Basappa of the Forum for Disarmament. All the participants focussed the need for Disarmament to save humanity from the disaster that was looming large on the world's horizon.

As a Representative of World Union, Sri J.N. Puri also attended a five days' Conference organised in New Delhi by the U.N. Representatives from the Department of Disarmament to focus the need for disarmament. It was the first Conference of its kind and India was the first Country to host such a Conference which was attended by delegates from 16 countries from Asia and Pacific.

New Alipur: It held its monthly meeting on the 4th August 1983 with reading from the Mother's prayer against the hostile forces. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee read out an article from 'Purodha' where the Mother said 'with spiritual progress anti-divine forces are more active in personal as well as in community life.'

North Calcutta: Its 112th meeting was held on 20.7.83. In his introductory talk after devotional songs and chanting of vedic hymns, Sri Sujit Palit briefly stated the ideals and activities of World Union. The Guest Speaker Sri N.C. Ray delivered a prepared speech on 'Introduction to the Study of Sri Aurobindo's 'Savitri'', with profuse quotations from Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Members were thrilled to learn the message of 'Love and Oneness' of the epic 'Savitri'.

Raghunathpur: In its monthly meeting held on 16.7.83 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the Supra-rational and Infra-rational society as elucidated by Sri Aurobindo in his 'The Human Cycle'. He also explained the difference between ambition and aspiration and lastly he indicated how to make the mass to be receptive and how one may avoid the ordinary life.

Salt Lake: It held its 26th monthly meeting on 13.8.83 to discuss various organisational matters. The members also discussed 'The Spirit of Universal Brotherhood and Unity in Diversity'.

Sultanpur: In its 52nd meeting held on 23.6.83 Sri S.H. Ojha explained Sri Aurobindo's doctrine of 'Evolution and Involution' and how different levels of consciousness with their characteristics are being manifested in the process of evolution. Lastly he indicated vividly the interdependence of 'Brahma' 'Jeeva' and 'Prakriti' --as propounded by Lord Krishna in the Gita and way to self-realisation through Jnana, Karma and Bhakti yoga.

It celebrated jointly with Sri Aurobindo Society the 111th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo on 15.8.83. The celebration started with tape-recorded Ashram songs. After floral offering Sri Aurobindo's Life and Sadhana was discussed by the Secretary. Sri R.P. Srivastava, Sri R.A. Tewari, Sri H.D. Shukla, Sri R.K. Jaiswal, Dr. D.C. Banik spoke on Sri Aurobindo's philosophy and yoga.

During the week essay competitions were organised for educands and educators of local Intermediate and Degree Colleges on the topics: 'Youth's Contribution Towards World Peace and Non-Aligned Movement and Establishment of World Peace.

On 20.8.83 it observed World Union Day under the Presidentship of Dr. D.C. Banik when Sri G.P. Mehuotra, D.M. Sultanpur was the Chief Guest. Shri R.K. Jaiswal, Sri B.B. Singh and others spoke on World Union concept.

The Chief Guest after distributing prizes and certificates to the best essayists, focussed attention towards divisive forces now getting stronger in society. Dr. Banik in his Presidential address emphasised the importance of 'Self-Realisation' with quotations from Swami Vivekananda. He also indicated what Prof. Arnold Toynbee stated in regard to Gandhiji's teachings of Love, Truth and Non-Violence.

Uttarpara: In its 118th monthly meeting held on 9th July 1983 under the Presidentship of Sri N.B. Nandy, the Guest speaker Sri Tarak Das Mitra spoke at length on 'Sri Aurobindo and Bankim Chandra', by quoting references from 'Bande Mataram and Indu Prakash'. He stated that according to Sri Aurobindo 'Bande Mataram' was the key word of the Nationalism. Sri Aurobindo regarded Rishi Bankim as one of the great men of the 19th century. Shri Sushil Chakrabarty summed up the speech of Shri Mitra.

It held its 119th monthly meeting and Sri Aurobindo Jayanthi on the 13th and 15th August respectively. In its monthly meeting Sri N.K. Ray spoke on 'Sri Aurobindo His Life and Teaching' and Sri Srinivas Chatterji spoke on 'Supramentalisation of Mind'. Sri S.K. Gupta narrated an episode from the experience of Sri A.B. Purani.

The Centre observed Sri Aurobindo Jayanthi with flower offering, devotional songs and meditation. Sri S.K. Gupta read out a letter of Sri Aurobindo to Barin. This was followed by devotional songs of reputed musician Sri Nirmal Bhattacharya.

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New Centres:

Domjur: This Centre was opened on 4-9-83 under the inspiration and guidance of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Coordinator of World Union in the Eastern Region. The Secretary is Sri Aloke Bandopadhyaya and the address of the Centre is: World Union Domjur Centre, P.O. & Vill: DAKSHINE JHAPARDAH, Domjur, Dt: Howrah, West Bengal.

Rautara Gopalpur: This Centre was opened on 25-8-83 under the inspiration and guidance of Sri P.P. Bhattacharya, Chairman, World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal. The Secretary is Sri Saranan Das and the address of the Centre is: World Union Rautara Gopalpur Centre, P.O. BOGDOWRA 731304, Dt: Birbhum, W. Bengal.

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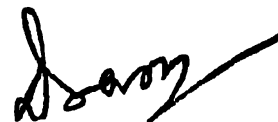
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FUTURE OF PLANET EARTH

There are powerful forces shaping the future of Planet Earth. There is the Supreme Will and Forces flowing from that Will. There are the Cosmic Forces working for evolution and harmony. There are the forces of this world arising out of clash of falsehood and truth. There are the national forces of ambition, lust for power and rivalry. Of course, the Supreme Will will ultimately prevail but not before the wrong forces of the lower consciousness of this world resort to recurrent violence and bring into play natural disasters and create large scale destruction. The United Nations Organisation is doing creative and constructive work in many directions and in several fields of human life. But its authority does not prevail against rebellious attitudes of national governments. It is very surprising that the leaders of the world have not yet realised that the Evolutionary Force demands a world government in the manner it brought into existence national governments replacing regional governments. The future of Planet Earth demands urgently a democratic federal world government for solution of world problems. No other solution could be workable in the present world conditions brought about by science and technology, amended by spirituality flowing from the Supreme Will. Will the leaders of the world awaken to the needs of the Planet Earth?

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS :

Forum for Peace :

Under the auspices for Forum for Peace sponsored by World Union International, Pondicherry, and under the auspices of Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat:

Prof. Yashwant Shukla, former Vice-Chancellor of Saurashtra University, an eminent educationist and literateur of Gujarat was invited to speak on "Gandhiji on Peace and Non-Violence" on July 31, 1983.

He said: 'It is impossible to talk of Gandhiji's concept of peace and non-violence without mentioning truth, for non-violence sans truth had no meaning for him. Instead of "God is Truth" Gandhiji emphasised "Truth is God".' Talking about the relationship between non-

violence and love Prof. Shukla said that the foundation of non-violence is Love. Love makes human relations healthy Peace will prevail if exploitation in all its forms stops.

Gandhiji zealously tried to tread the razorsharp path of truth, Prof. Shukla observed. "According to Gandhiji there is a difference between the violence practised by the animal and the man. Animal practises violence to fulfil its need while man does so out of envy. Non-violence of the strong manifests itself in forgiveness," he added. Gandhiji held that peace stems from within. One can promote peace only when one is at peace with oneself and with the world. "Vulture tendency" of human beings accounts for peacelessness, Prof. Shukla said.

The lecture began with Miss Rajeshwari Jadeja's soulful rendering of "we shall overcome" Principal Dr. D.D. Jadeja, Secretary of the Forum, introduced the guest speaker and Shri P.M. Parmar of the N.S. Patel Arts College, Anand, proposed a vote of thanks.

The Guest Speaker on September 9, 1983 was Prof. Devvrat Pathak, Former Vice-Chancellor, Saurashtra University and visiting Professor, Peace Research Centre, Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad. He said:

"Tremendous scientific advancement has enabled man to translate utopia into reality; it has also armed him with weapons capable of wiping out the whole human race. The choice is man's. If he wants his life to go with a stronger pulse and if he wants his life to breathe a deeper breath he must rise, think and act for securing durable international peace and this should be done globally," said Prof. Pathak during his talk on "The Quest for Peace".

Prof. Pathak defined peace, violence and non-violence thus: "Peace does not and cannot mean absence of war. Peace means harmony. Peace can prevail only in a non-violent society. True peace and violence cannot coexist. A non-violent and peaceful society is one which is based on non-exploitation, which creates environment conducive to the development of one's potentialities. A society where life is lived "at the expense of someone", where potentialities are not allowed to flower is a violent society. Violence shows itself in two forms—direct and indirect: The former lies in killing while the latter, which is structural, consists in exploitation and oppression. A society committed to peace and non-violence works for dispelling and conquering infections of body and mind that reduce multitudes of humanity to invalidism and squalor."

Prof. Pathak made a pointed reference to peace research, need for which has begun to be realised all the world over. His suggestions for the establishment of a non-violent, peaceful society and thereby a peaceful world include cultivating a peaceful temperament, living a simple life with due accent on physical labour, arresting over mechanisation and overdevelopment, controlling environmental pollution by restoring ecological balance and preserving the flora and fauna, regenerating our villages and recycling of wastes.


The function began with a soulful prayer by Kishor Taily. Dr. D.D. Jadeja, Secretary of the Forum, welcomed the guest speaker and audience. Shri R.K. Desai proposed a vote of thanks.

Sri Aurobindo Sadhana Kendra:

Dr. D.D. Jadeja, Principal of the Nalini Arvind & T.V. Patel Arts College, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat, has sent information that Sri Champaklalji of Sri Aurobindo Ashram

performed at 6 p.m. on Monday, the 10th October 1983, Khat-Muhurt of Sri Aurobindo Sadhana Kendra Building amidst joy and sincere aspiration. Sri Ambapremi Shah of Baroda was specially present for the happy occasion. Sri Rambhai N. Amin of Ahmedabad could not attend, as it was not convenient for him, but his good wishes were for the occasion. Now there is a search for a good contractor to build the building and it is hoped to start the construction of the building after Diwali, if everything goes according to schedule.

The Sadhana Kendra Building is being built on a land donated by the Central Authority of Vallabh Vidyanagar for the purpose. The building is being constructed for which purpose Dr. D.D. Jadeja has registered a Trust and secured Income-tax Exemption under Section 80(G) of the Income-tax Act. Though the land and building will be owned by the said Trust, the name of the building will be (Late) Chimanlal A. Patel, the eldest son of Sri A.B. Patel, who expired at Baroda in 1980.



General Secretary
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More and more my experience is that revelation (it comes, isn't it?) is applicable universally, but in its form it is always personal, always personal.

It is as it were one had one angle of vision of the Truth, necessarily it is one angle, from the very moment when it is put into words.

You have a wordless, thoughtless experience, that of a kind of vibration which gives you the sensation of an absolute truth and then if you remain altogether motionless, seeking nothing to know, at the end of some time, something seems passing through a filter and that translates itself as an idea.

The Mother

MEMBERS' PAGE

SUGGESTIONS OF NEW PROGRAMMES

- (a) A member suggests that the Centres which hold monthly or regular periodical meetings may carry out this new programme of work as detailed below at least for a few months and see the result:-

Before the commencement of the meeting members and invitees attending it are to be served with paper containing passages and or suitable quotations from the Mother, Sri Aurobindo, Rabindranath, Tolstoy, Mahatma Gandhi and others (in English or its translation) on "LOVE AND ONENESS", "WORLD PEACE AND HUMAN UNITY" etc. With the reading of this passage by someone the meeting shall start. Then the members shall contemplate on it for some time and thereafter discuss it among themselves.

- (b) Sri Amareswar Chakrabarty of Salt Lake Centre, Calcutta, suggests some guidelines. They are 42 in number. For the consideration of the members a few of them are noted below:-

To be an active member of World Union one must endeavour to:-

- (i) give up egoism and sense of superiority,
- (ii) be attentive to others views,
- (iii) remove sense of separativity,
- (iv) create atmosphere of peace and harmony in one's neighbourhood and spread it over gradually,
- (v) think all men and countries equal since all have the equal right to live on this earth.

One more may be added to these guidelines as our Editor suggests —

- (vi) become a better person today than yesterday.

We invite further suggestions from individual members as also from different Local Centres.

DIALOGUE (15)

WHAT IS PROGRESS?

In a study class boys are discussing among themselves the question 'What is PROGRESS?'

Suresh — Let me read out first a portion of the passage, then we'll discuss:

"All the reactionary forces are stumbling blocks to our progress, so it is

necessary that they should be properly dealt with or else our goal shall ever remain unachieved."

Now, I wish to ask, "What is actually meant by the word 'Progress?' We know some nations are called progressive, some authors are known as progressive authors; even we say progressive outlook, progressive decision, progressive thinking etc. Can you explain?

Mahendra — Your answer is there in the passage you just read out. A movement is said to be progressive when it leads to the goal. So there must be a predetermined goal.

Rajendra — Then I think it is necessary to ascertain first what is the aim or goal of human life; otherwise we can not say what movement—political, economic, social, or educational,—is progressive or not. And here we may differ from each other.

Mahendra — Yes. Some say that material wellbeing is the aim of human life. According to them any movement—political or otherwise, which leads humanity to that goal is progressive. Any literature, art, painting, drama etc. which inspires people to take part in such movement is also progressive.

Suresh — But to prosper materially can not be the aim of human life, because that prosperity does not help man to move from falsehood and ignorance, in which he now dwells to Truth and Knowledge. To realise the Truth of existence and acquire pure Knowledge is the real aim of human life.

Mahendra — Yes, in that case man's actions to achieve that aim can be said to be progressive.

Rajendra — How it can be? Of the two different modes of action one may be progressive and the other retrogressive, or reactionary as they say.

Mahendra — I do admit. But to prosper spiritually by rejecting material life can never be the aim of human life. Material prosperity is necessary for moving further to realise the Truth and to live in that Truth. But that ultimate goal is to be achieved not by side-tracking material life but by accepting it.

Rajendra — I agree, because man's inner urge will not allow him to remain content with material resources. One day he is sure to feel tired of them and then he must start moving to achieve something more, something else—that is what he actually needs. Now, some of his actions to bring about a change in his material life may seem to be not progressive; but ultimately they are not so. Hence all actions of a man who is dynamic and aspiring and move forward are progressive.

From a Member's diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Behala: In its meeting held on 2.9.83 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed in detail on "Obstacles in Sadhana"—through questions and answers. He also emphasised the importance of individual development in World Union activity.

Beliaghata: It held its 8th general meeting on 18.9.83 when Sri Debendra Nath Sur presided. Sri Gautam Kr. Roy, Secretary of the Centre discussed selected portion from 'A Handbook of World Union'. A few members from different Centres attended the meet.

Chakradharpur: It celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanthi jointly with the members of Sri Aurobindo Society Centre on the 15th August 1983 by conducting various programmes in the morning as also in the evening.

The Centre also observed World Union Day on the 20th August 1983 in a befitting manner. With this function the members started celebrating Silver Jubilee of World Union. Sri P. Chakrabarty in his introductory address briefly narrated the history of World Union Movement. Sri K.B. Ghosh and Sri R.C. Seal discussed the subjects "LOVE AND ONENESS" and "WHY HUMAN UNITY ON SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION IS NECESSARY?" respectively.

The 8th monthly meeting of its Women Wing was held on 11.9.83 when its name and style of the wing was changed to "MATRI SAMMILANI".

Chelyama: It observed 111th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo on the 15th August 1983 by conducting a whole day programme at Sri Aurobindo Anchal Ashram, when members of different World Union Centres and Sri Aurobindo Society Centres were present. It also observed World Union Day on 20th August by organising a whole day 'Swadhaya Sibir'.

Domjur: The Centre was inaugurated by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee on 2nd October 1983 on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday when he explained the outer and inner aspects of human unity. He gave stress on establishing harmony within for which one must scrutinise his predominating level of consciousness and try to rise above it. His discussion was followed by questions and answers.

Durgapur: In its meeting held on 14.9.83 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed personal preparation by Sadhana by answering different questions raised by Sri Pranay Chatterjee who also referred to his personal experience with life and discipline of a 'Tantrik Sadhak'. Rabindranath's dance-drama "TASER DESH" was staged by the members and interested persons of the locality.

Khar: Sri N.S. Amin, Secretary Khar Centre reports that as part of the Silver Jubilee celebration, World Union Bombay, Khar and Sion Centres jointly observed World Union Day on 20th August at 'SAHAKAR' when Shri Santibhai Patel spoke on "Sri Aurobindo and Human Unity" after chanting of hymns and bhajan by Smt. Kokilaben Vakani. Shri Patel in his learned speech explained Sri Aurobindo's message on 15th August 1947. He emphasised that World Unity was an inevitable step for human unity and logical consequence of Nature's endeavour.

On 2.5.83 the Centres jointly organised meeting when Guest Speaker Sri Rohit Mehta spoke on "Sri Aurobindo and Life Divine". He wishes that World Union members should endeavour to form small powerful nucleus of spiritual men who would be able to transform the U.N. into World Union. Members of Sri Aurobindo Society Centre also attended the meeting.

The Centres have started conducting jointly Study Classes on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month at 4 PM at 'Sahakar'. Sri Santibhai Patel would conduct the Study Classes on "The Essays on the Gita".

New Alipur: It held its monthly meetings on 1.9.83 and 6.10.83. The First meeting started with the reading from the 'Mother' and thereafter Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee read out a few words of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. He also discussed an article from Bulletin of August 1983 on Meditation—when Sri A.K. Bhowmik and A.K. Banerjee participated.

On 6.10.83 the meeting started with Durga Stotra with meditation and invocation of Goddess Durga. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee read out a few relevant lines from Savitri (Book VII Canto IV) – 'Triple Soul Forces'. Sri A.K. Bhowmik explained the significance of 'Chandi' and spiritual way of looking at things and events in our daily life.

North Calcutta: It held its 114th monthly meeting on 20.9.83. After the Secretary's introductory speech on the importance of 1983 when the Movement completed its 25th year, Prof. Biswanth Roy (Guest Speaker) spoke on "Sri Aurobindo's and the Mother's World-Thought". He explained by quoting relevant lines from 'Savitri' as also from other writings, that the whole philosophy, yoga and sadhana were invariably meant for this world. Prof. Roy also emphasised how Sri Aurobindo's and the Mother's vision of future world had inspired World Union Movement and indicated that sincere sadhana of individual members was a necessity to guide the Movement to its coveted goal. On 25th September 1983 it organised a musical programme when member-artists of 'Braja Kishore Sangha' participated.

Rishra: In its monthly meeting held on 3.8.83 Sri Deb Kr. Das, Vice-Chairman of the Centre, spoke on 'Sri Aurobindo's Religious Conjunction with the Supreme Spirit of Swami Vivekananda and the significance of the coalescence of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother for the integration of the East and the West and also for the accomplishment of Human Unity.'

On 29th August 1983 the members met and decided to take some programme for imbibing teachings of Sri Aurobindo in the minds of the children and the students of the locality.

Salt Lake: Its 27th monthly meeting was held on 10.9.83 when some portion from 'A Handbook of World Union' was read out and discussed. All the members commented that

the Handbook had really fulfilled the long-felt need of the members. The Food and Nutrition Board Government of India conducted a demonstration in fruit and vegetable preservation at the request of the Centre which was highly appreciated by the members. It was decided that a Certificate Course in training would be arranged for the women of the locality.

The Centre held its 120th monthly meeting on 10.9.83 under the Chairmanship of Sri N B Khandu.

Sri N K Roy opened the discussion on 'World Union as Envisaged by Sri Krishna in the Geeta' and said that to love Krishna was to love the Universe. The universal teachings of the Geeta in regard to 'Karma Yoga' if practised universally and in all walks of life would certainly promote World Unity.

The next Speaker Sri Jitendralal Chakrabarty spoke on *Santana Dharma*, Universal Love and Compassion to humanity by quoting relevant lines from the Geeta.

Sri S K Gupta summed up and concluded that the world was moving towards its inevitable destiny.

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WORLD STATE —LOGICAL INEVITABLE ULTIMATE OUTCOME—

If much of the unease, the sense of inevitable struggle, the difficulty of mutual toleration and economic accommodation still exists, it is rather because the idea of using the ideological struggle as a means for world domination is there and keeps the nations in a position of mutual apprehension and preparation for armed defence and attack than because the coexistence of the two ideologies is impossible. If this element is eliminated, a world in which these two ideologies could live together, arrive at an economic interchange, draw closer, together, need not be at all out of the question; for the world is moving towards a greater development of the principle of the State control over the life of the community and a congeries of socialistic States on one side and of States coordinating and controlling a modified capitalism might well come to exist side by side and develop friendly relations with each other. Even a World State in which both could keep their own institutions and sit in a common assembly might come into being and a single world-union on this foundation would not be impossible. This development is indeed the final outcome which the foundation of the U.N.O. presupposes; for the present organisation cannot be itself final, it is only an imperfect beginning and useful and necessary as a primary nucleus of that larger institution in which all the peoples of the earth can meet each other in a single international unity: the creation of a World State is in a movement of this kind the one logical and inevitable ultimate outcome.

Postscript Chapter to:
"The Ideal of Human Unity"
by Sri Aurobindo

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Federation of Earth:

Mr. Philip Isely, the Secretary General of World Constitution and Parliament Association of Colorado, USA, has convened meetings in New Delhi of the Executive Committee and Steering Committee of W.C.P.A. at Jan Path Hotel (Near Parliament Building), New Delhi.

where he will be staying. The room at Jan Path Hotel gives an impartial place to Mr. Philip Isely to meet anybody. Several meetings as desired could be held there. Mr. A.B. Patel is the Co-President of World Constitution and Parliament Association and regrets very much that he is unable to attend the meetings aforesaid as he is unable to travel to New Delhi on account of his ill-health. However he is confident that Sri N.S. Rao of Bombay, Sri J.N. Puri of New Delhi and Sri Samar Basu of Pondicherry will attend these meetings and will prove of great help to Mr. Philip Isely.

Sri A.B. Patel received a telegram from Mr. Philip Isely on the 26th October 1983 reading: "THANKS FOR FOCUS INCLUDING 7 YEAR PLAN PLEASE INVITE KEY MEMBERS WORLD UNION ATTEND ALL INDIA MEETING DECEMBER 8 NEW DELHI DEVELOP JOINT CAMPAIGN WITH WCPA N.S. RAO HELPING ORGANISE REGARDS".

Mr. Philip Isely has addressed a letter dated 26th October 1983 to friends in India informing them of two extremely important world meetings to be held in India during the next few years: 1984—The Second Session of the Provisional World Parliament; 1987—The Fourth Session of the World Constituent Assembly.

In order to help assure the success of these important meetings upon which peace and welfare of the entire Earth may depend, a strong campaign needs to be carried out in India by an active section branch of the World Constitution and Parliament Association working with other groups having similar aims including World Union.

To organise and go ahead with campaign an All-India Meeting of W.C.P.A. will be held in New Delhi on December 8, 1983 possibly continued on December 9. This All-India Meeting will follow meetings on December 5 to 7 of the World Executive of W.C.P.A. and of the World Steering Committee for the Provisional World Parliament both of which include several members from India. The meeting of the W.C.P.A. Executive is being held at the Jan Path Hotel in New Delhi where one may contact Mr. Philip Isely. Members of W.C.P.A. in India are welcome to sit in these meetings, although all those coming from outside India may be few due to cost of travel.

With this letter has been enclosed a copy of recent letter to the Executive Cabinet Members of W.C.P.A. in which Mr. Philip Isely outlined a 7 Year Plan to achieve World Federation.

Sri A.B. Patel has also reprinted the outline of this 7 Year Plan in the October issue of World Union Focus. Help of all persons in India (as well as elsewhere) is sought to achieve the objectives of this 7 Year Plan.

Mrs. Savitaben Patel of World Union National Centre-UK has sent the following report dated 13.10.83 of the Silver Jubilee Celebration of World Union:

I am pleased to report that we celebrated Silver Jubilee on October 2, 1983. The event was successful in the sense that everyone who attended enjoyed it thoroughly. Invitations were sent out to more than 200 people and the event was also advertised in the press as well, but about 60 people were present.

Children had done very well indeed, especially the two dancers. Mr. Keith Best, Member of the Parliament and Treasurer for the Parliamentary Group for World Government, gave a

wonderful speech. He began saying that he experienced peace by listening to the music at the meditation time. He pointed out that the world has made a very fast progress in science and technology but it has also created a danger because there is nobody to keep law and order over the Nations of the World. He said that we cannot imagine in a country, however small it may be, to be without police force to keep law and order, for the well-being of its citizens, and yet today we are living in the world where there is no discipline, no body to control World affairs or to safeguard well being of the Nations. No police force to keep law and order over the nations of the world.

He said that parliamentary Group for World Government which has 700 members from the Parliaments of the World who are working towards that end. He said World Government will not remain a fiction but will be a fact in not too distant future.

After that Mr. Jayantibhai Patel spoke in Gujarati. (There was a request on behalf of many Gujaratis). He explained the panch sil which is being used as basic ideas for World Union work and he invited people to come forward and join us in our endeavour to make world unity possible.

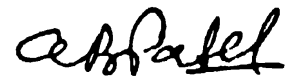
The film of Sri Aurobindo Ashram and also Education in Sri Aurobindo Ashram were shown and it was much appreciated.

All those children who took part in the program were given a digital pen watch as a present.

The programme was ended with a silent meditation and refreshment.

Forum for Peace, Sardar Patel University. Vallabh Vidyanagar:

Dr. D.D. Jadeja, Secretary of the Forum for Peace has informed World Union that Sri N S. Amin, Coordinator, World Union Western Zone of India, visited Forum for Peace, Vallabh Vidyanagar and on the 3rd November 1983 delivered an informal talk on "Objectives and Activities of World Union".



General Secretary
November 19, 1983

MEMBERS' PAGE

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW PROGRAMME

In response to our appeal to individual members and local, Regional and National Centres made under our circular letter dated 5.10.83, we have been receiving very enthusiastic replies from various Centres who promised to send their suggestions very shortly. Meanwhile we received encouraging notes and comments from Sri P.P. Bhattacharya, Chairman, Regional Centre, West Bengal. Referring to sub-clause (g) of Clause 2 of our Memorandum of Association, he commented that to organise Centres of life and work in India might overshoot the work at this stage. And therefore, he suggested that establishment of cooperative institutions and organisation as stated under sub-clause (g) of Clause 2 would help the progressive realisation of community living, though the word *cooperative* is not in the sub-clause referred to. He also stated "Pragmatic Spirituality is our Motto". But can we discard the Motto given by the Mother? However, we may see that suitable programme of work is chalked out by Centres on the basis of Pragmatic Spirituality. Sri Bhattacharya as also other members of different Centres including Regional Centre West Bengal are requested to suggest a few such programmes for implementation by the Centres in the next phase of our Movement.

DIALOGUE (16)

THEMES OF NEW STORIES

Mother — What happened to you Urmila? What are you thinking so deeply? Have you done anything wrong with your friend?

Urmila — No mummy! I am to write a short story for our college magazine. Susmita, the Editor of the magazine this year is one of my best friends. She repeatedly asked me to write, but what shall I write? I cannot find any plot. That day you told me that you had written so many short stories in your younger days and most of them were published in leading periodicals of your time. So, please help me mummy.

Mother — Our days have long gone my child. We are now back-dated. Modern readers may not appreciate our theme.

Urmila — Let me have some hints, I'll develop them in my own way.

Mother — In our days we usually dealt with socio-domestic problems which used to entangle psychological set up of our different characters and we also tried to indicate some sort of solution in our short stories. But now these themes have become out of date as they say. Modern authors deal mainly with problems originating from socio-politic and 'or socio-economic conditions of the people.

Urmila — But mummy, with me it is something otherwise. I believe that all stories written so far are mainly based on one or the other of the six passions—lust, anger, greed, infatuation, pride and envy – six sensual appetites of human being. What were said in various episodes of the Mahabharata were only reproduced by different authors in newer and newer garments as days passed on. Nothing original has yet been found barring a few exceptions – recent and remote. So, I think days have come to write something original which can add a new dimension to our thought.

Mother — I wonder! You have studied so deeply! I welcome you as your future reader. I fully agree that time has come when we are to think more subjectively.

Urmila — Yes mummy! An individual may win a prize, a group may defeat another group, a nation may conquer another nation; but still they may not know what VICTORY is! A man may achieve success with the help of his knowledge; but still WISDOM may remain far from him. A girl may win the beauty-contest without knowing what BEAUTY is. A man may become 'Viswa Sri' for his strong, built body; yet he may not know why man needs sound physique. A person who never tells a lie may not know what is TRUTH. So long we have been looking from soil to sky and sky to soil; now time has come to know the below and the beyond. So, we are to envisage something supra-rational: supra-rational Good, Beauty and Ultimate of life so that our stories may have their reflections and so I was contemplating how to get hold of this truth.

Mother — I am confident that what you have just said has all come out not from the sphere of your intellect but from inner inspiration. Do you know that genius-- the true creator is always supra-rational in its nature and its instrumentation? I believe that your vision will help you and not I, so go ahead.

From a Member's diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bon-Hoogly. It held its 4th Annual Meeting on 15.10.83 which was also attended by members of Baranagar, Duttapukur and Nandannagar Centres.

After devotional song offered by Km. Banasri Bhattacharya and 5 minutes concentration Dr. B. Bhattacharya narrated briefly the history and activities of Bon-Hooghly Centre and compared World Union to other Organisations and lastly informed all concerned of the project work for development of self as well as of World Union. Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, Chairman, Regional Centre of West Bengal briefly explained "Self-preparation for Future World."

Bhandarhati: In its meeting held on 27.10.83 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed about the present crisis of the world and its solution. He indicated that the present crisis was due to severe conflict between the old Asuric Force and New Consciousness which was emerging. He also stated that this was the dark period of *Kali Yuga*. Since the world was a reality and not illusion it would pass the period and move towards its brighter destiny.

Chandarnagar: It held its meetings on 17.7.83, 4.9.83, 1.10.83. Dr. B.N. Baral, Sri P.P. Bhattacharya and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on (i) The purpose of Education; (ii) World Union Movement and its Silver Jubilee Celebration and (iii) Sri Aurobindo's Savitri. In one session of the meeting Nalinida's discourse on Savitri (tape-recorded) was heard by the members. It held Vijaya Sammelan on 23.10.83 when 'Durga Stotra' (tape-recorded) was presented. The members decided to celebrate Silver Jubilee on 29th November 1983 in a very modest way.

Prof. B. Mondol presided over all the above meets

Khar: It conducted its study Classes on 1.10.83 and 15.10.83 as decided in its meeting on 17.9.83, when Shri Shantibhai Patel dealt with the first Chapter of 'Essays on the Gita' and explained "Our demand and need from the Gita". The following points were studied by the members:-

(a) The bigotry of Religionism

(b) The Spirit to approach ancient Scriptures so that valuable guidance might be derived from them.

(c) Every Scripture contains two elements -- ephemeral and eternal. What is of entirely permanent value is universal and supra-rational and those scriptures only could be constantly renewed. In Gita there is very little that could be said to be ephemeral. The Spirit is large and profound.

The fourfold order of Society and the meaning of the word 'Sacrifice' was discussed. Sankhya Yoga of Kapila was compared with Sankhya Yoga of Gita. The Principal idea of the Gita was also discussed.

Mysore: As a part of the Silver Jubilee Year Programme it organised a talk on "Sri Aurobindo's Vision of Oneness of Humanity" on 29.10.83 when Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao, President, National Centre, presided and Shri M.L. Gopala Setty of Bangalore spoke at length on the subject.

He indicated interalia - "Mother said that humanity is in fact one and indivisible. Only we have to understand and live that way."

Justice Sri Rao in his Presidential address pointed out that the purpose of Organisations like the U.N. would be better served by mutual and harmonious understanding between formidable powers.

Before commencing the meeting observed two minutes silent prayer for World Peace and condoled with the sad demise of M. Doreswami Iyengar who was a senior member of the Centre.

The Chairman of the Centre Sri B.V. Balasubrahmanyam welcomed the guest and the assembly and Sri M.K. Rameswaram proposed vote of thanks.

Nanjungud: It conducted an exhibition of World Union journals, colour pictures and posters of the U.N., UNESCO and WHO (numburing about 150) on 25.9.83 and also on 5.9.83 as a part of its Silver Jubilee Programme. Students from different schools and members of the public appreciated the exhibition very much.

Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao, President, National Centre-India, paid a visit to Nanjangud Centre on 30.10.83 and a meeting was held on that occasion when Lion Prof. K.S. Venkatesanathan, President of the Centre, explained how the Centre is working silently for World Peace and Human Unity. Under the auspices of the Centre similar exhibitions were also conducted in different schools in the middle of October 1983.

North Calcutta: On 20th August 1983 it held its 113th monthly meeting and observed World Union Day. The Secretary inaugurated the function and briefly explained the purport of World Union Day and its background. He also announced the recent publication of the booklet (A Handbook of World Union) and briefly summarised its contents. He emphasised that every member and friend of World Union must have a copy of it.

A leaflet enumerating the ideals of World Union with an appeal to all to join and patronise the Association was published by the Centre on the occasion and distributed amongst the members and friends. Vol. 1 No. III of 'Viswa Milan' a quarterly journal propagating the ideals of World Union published on 15-8-83 was exhibited in the meeting. Both the Handbook and Viswa Milan were sold on the occasion.

(NB: We are sorry that the report could not be published in earlier issues because by an oversight it was placed in the correspondance file).

It held its 115th monthly meeting on 24-10-83 to celebrate 'Vijaya Sammilan'. After devotional song the Secretary explained the significance of Vijaya—that was the victory of the Divine Mother over undivine and anti-divine forces. So the Secretary called upon all members to strive sincerely to become able instruments for the Mother's service.

Then Sri Gour Mohan Chatterjee read out the Bengali version of a Hindi prose-piece on

the Mother wherein four aspects of the Mother were nicely explained. A short portion of Mother's writing on human intelligence was also read out by Smt. Anita Basu.

Rishra: In its monthly meeting held on 4-9-83 Shri B. Chakrabarty rhapsodized words of the Mother after the hymn of Sri Durga—the prayer of the Mother was M.K. Sikdar read out the significance of 'Auro Chakra'. It was decided that the Centre organise a Seminar in future in its local area.

Salt Lake: It held its 28th monthly meeting on 8-10-83 when Sri S.K. Roy Chowdhury a distinguished member of the Centre presided.

After group concentration and devotional song a brief discussion was held on the subject 'Meditation and World Unity'. It was held that real and lasting World Unity could be achieved only by spiritual method. All members were apprised of the Seminar as organised by the W.C.P.A. Local Chapter for celebrating the 400th birth anniversary of Hugo Grotius—Father of International Law.

New Life Member:

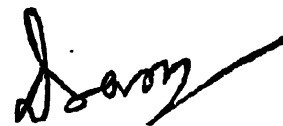
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World Finance and Alteration Fund:

We sincerely request all concerned to donate on this account any amount for the repair of the building which has become long overdue.



Deputy General Secretary
November 19, 1983

Well Wishers And Active Members

An Individual who subscribes for World Union is our well-wisher but one who joins the Movement through any Local Centre may be regarded as active member because one is expected to take part in the activities of the Centre to which one joins. So all Local Centres are requested to provide such prospective members with 'A Handbook of World Union' and/or other informative literature so that such members have some basic concept of World Union before they apply for its membership in prescribed form



WAR OF ANY KIND AND ANYWHERE MUST BE OUTLAWED

There is a growing public concern for the fate of the Earth. June 12, 1982 saw the largest political gathering in the United States history as nearly a million people gathered in New York Central park to express their concern in words and songs over the folly of ever-increasing arms. The gathering was an external sign of the growing consciousness of world unity. World Unity is being forged within millions of individuals. Through meditation more and more people the world over are living in harmony with the cosmos. There is a transformation underway as more and more people move from fear to trust.

René V.L. Wadlow
Geneva—Switzerland

A Bill to outlaw nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction and to create a World Disarmament Agency was passed unanimously by the Provisional World Parliament held at Brighton in United Kingdom from the 4th to the 17th September 1982 where delegates from many countries were present without regard to national boundaries. According to a legal brief, "this landmark legislation nearly declared what was already "world law". We pray that it does improve international relation in a sound direction.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Making Nuclear War Illegal – By Dr. Lucile W. Green [Republished]

Mark Twain's comment about the weather was, "everybody talks about it but nobody does anything about it". Some people believe that issues of war and peace are as uncontrollable as the weather. Others like Lucile Green, have dedicated their lives to building institutions that will render war, not merely illegal, but obsolete.

Lucile Green is currently President of the World Citizens Assembly, a San Francisco based organization dedicated to world order.

"Look, if you give them a nuclear freeze, the next thing you know they'll want to outlaw war altogether " So goes the caption of a recent cartoon by Joseph Farris published in the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

And that is exactly what some of "them" are trying to do. Matter of fact, the legal basis already exists and has existed for over a hundred years, for prohibiting weapons of mass destruction such as the nuclear, biological and chemical devices of modern warfare. The very same governments that are now manufacturing, stockpiling and threatening to use them have, by their own covenants, treaties and international laws, declared them illegitimate.

If leaders of governments were tried today by the same principles that were used to try and execute "war criminals" after World War II, most of them would be convicted as outlaws by the world community. The reason they have not been prosecuted is that the only courts available (including the so-called "World Court" in the Hague) are either national or international courts subordinated to the principle of national "sovereignty" which, like the "divine right of kings," puts governments above their own laws.

Some enterprising lawyers and world citizens are attempting to change this. As a first step in this process, some lawyers have compiled in legal form the international laws by which governments have limited their "right" to make war. A good example is *The Illegality of War* by William Durland.

These laws, except for the last one, (see Inset-Ed) have been written and approved by governments. Some of them like the Nuremberg Principles, have been applied and are still being applied with the force of law, as in the trials of former Nazis.

They are not applied equally to victors as well as vanquished, even though those victors may be guilty of equal "crimes" such as the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the installation of more awful weapons of mass destruction by the U.S., the U. S. S. R. and many others. This uneven application of international law is due to the lack of a true world court, as distinguished from national or international courts (The Hague).

Just and impartial application of the law requires: (a) equal application of the principles to all parties under the law and cannot operate merely by consent of the accused, as in the present International Court of Justice in the Hague; it also requires (b) third party jurisdiction by impartial judges, which cannot be expected in national courts when the delinquent is the nation itself or its leaders.

While an initial requirement—that of a generally-accepted, known or written law—does already exist as outlined above, these two other conditions do not. To remedy this latter situation takes a further step by lawyers and world citizens: namely, the development of extra-national courts which do not depend on the approval of nations, but act independently in the name of the people of the world community.

The widely publicized Bertrand Russell trials during the Vietnam War were an initiative in the evolution of extra-national tribunals, lifting the conscience of the world community without claiming any specific constituency or enforcement power. It was an educational and symbolic precedent for the development of extra-national courts.

More structured in nature is the current action by Leon Vickman to establish a Provisional District World Court in Los Angeles under the mandate of a Provisional World Parliament, which met in Brighton, England in 1982 representing a constituency of four million people

across national boundaries. This Parliament was convened under a written Constitution for the Federation of Earth adopted by a cross-national body of people in 1977.

On June 27 of this year the court issued summons to twenty-eight national governments which either possess or are allegedly preparing to deploy nuclear weapons. The defendants named include all the major nuclear powers, such as the U.S.A., the U.S.S.R., the United Kingdom, France and the Peoples Republic of China.

The plaintiffs in this class action suit are listed as "The People of Earth". The Chief Counsel for the plaintiffs is California attorney, Leon L. Vickman, who filed the complaint on the basis of extensive documentation on the illegality of nuclear weapons under "commonly accepted international law together with newly emerging world law," some of which have been listed above.

Under the Summons, the defendant nations have been given sixty days in which to reply and a trial by jury is being set for sometime before the end of 1983. According to the rules of the Court, which are the same as for the U.S. Supreme Court, "judgment by default will be taken against any defendant who may fail to file a responsive pleading as required by the Summons within the specified time."

"Far from being an isolated action," Vickman states, "the suit which we have entered is only the first of many which may be taken before Provisional District World Courts to defend the rights of humanity. Although the Nuremberg Tribunal which tried "war criminals" after World War II and Bertrand Russell's Stockholm War Crimes Tribunal of the Vietnam War era both give some important precedents for the present suit these earlier actions were entirely ad hoc.

"The Provisional District World Courts are organized in the context of a Constitution for World Federation and an evolving World Parliament, all of which is being implemented by stages . . . to solve world problems peacefully and to serve the needs of humanity." Already similar District World Courts are being projected by lawyers in Canada, India and Sri Lanka and some sessions of the Los Angeles Court are expected to be held in the San Francisco area.

In face of the threat to all life on this planet from the arsenals of mass destruction, there is an immediate necessity to assert the accountability of nations and their leaders to the world community.

This is being done, first, by publishing the already existing international laws that outlaw weapons of mass destruction and war itself and second by creating extra-national courts that will apply these laws to nations in the name of the people of the world.

World courts acting for the world community could provide a means of settling international disputes without resort to war by making it incumbent on nations to obey the laws they themselves have made.

Law itself is not the maximum standard of what is right and good -- that is the province of philosophy, religion and the arts. Law is the *minimum essential* for survival of the community, for it is the civilized way of resolving conflicts.

Without it any dispute can escalate into violence and war. The prospect of that happening today is nuclear holocaust, virtually ending the experiment of life on this planet.

The time has come TO OUTLAW WAR ALTOGETHER.

Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row, President, World Union Bangalore Centre and Sri K.S. Sridharan, Jt. Secretary, World Union National Centre of India, Bangalore, have sent the following brief report:

The Working Committee of World Union Bangalore Centre, having resolved to observe the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of World Union International on 26th November 1983 on the completion of twenty-five years of constructive and creative activities in the furtherance of the aims and objects of the World Union International presided over and fully supported by the Mother of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, arranged a special programme on that day as per the printed invitation card circulated for invitation. The participants in the meeting were many.

The deliberations of the evening started with the observance of a minute's silence in meditation and prayer followed by invocation. The assembly was a gathering of members of World Union in Bangalore and the elite of Bangalore who were invited.

The learned speaker Sri Seshadri emphasised the point how the mass media can bring about correct understanding by sticking to the lofty principles of journalism and the freedom of the press. He enunciated the principle as "facts must be true and correct but comments may be free". Thus he said there was a justification for political parties as also private individuals owning the media of mass communication, like the press, the radio, the television, the cinema etc. so long as each of the media do not distort facts to suit their ends.

The function was well attended and was a great success.



General Secretary
December 20, 1983

MEMBERS' PAGE

Suggestions for New Programme

(1) Sri Purnendu Ghosh formerly attached to Chandannagar Centre, now an individual member from Kanpur, suggests:

"All who participate (actively) in the Movement require the realisation since the Movement is not an '*ism*' but a realisation of '*Oneness*' within. With our present consciousness it is rather very much difficult to realise that '*Oneness*' and hence inner preparation of individual member is a necessity." He further adds, "those who are associated with the Movement are expected to know the Yoga of Sri Aurobindo". He therefore proposes that some aspects of Sri Aurobindo's Yoga have to be made known to the members who are involved in the Movement through 'Members' Page'.

(2) Sri Soroj Kanti Deb - formerly Secretary, Chaibasa Centre, now an individual member from Balumath (Palamau Dist., Bihar) suggests that for the inner preparation of individual member it is necessary that salient aspects of Sri Aurobindo's Yoga are to be made clear to the members so that they may be able to practise it.

Members interested in the matter may please see these suggestions and offer their comments.

DIALOGUE (17)

WAR AND PEACE

Teacher — Today you are to write a short article in 10 to 12 lines on '*War and Peace*' within 20 minutes. Now, start all of you.

After a few minutes:

Teacher — What are you thinking Prakash? I see you haven't yet started writing.

Prakash — Yes Sir! 'Am thinking how War can be made totally impossible,

- Teacher — Very good. But you haven't sufficient time to think on that point only. What happened with you Shankar? I see you are also busy on thinking.
- Shankar — Yes Sir ! 'Am thinking how Peace can be actually achieved.
- Vishwanath — 'Am sure that war is the only means by which Peace can be established.
- Prakash — Some people so believe, but that is false notion. War can never generate Peace.
- Teacher — Stop discussing please. Go on writing.

After some time Narendra stood up.

- Teacher — Have you finished your article Narendra?
- Narendra -- Yes Sir !
- Teacher -- Very good. Read out loudly what you have written so thst everybody can hear. All of you please listen.
- Narendra — Absence of War does not necessarily means presence of Peace, though it is true that there should be no war if Peace is to be established and maintained. Peace is something more deeper than what we conceive because its root lies in the inner world. War in the outer world may very well be avoided by forming a World State, that is to say, by a Federation of Earth; but still then men may not feel that they are in Peace. It is harmony in body, life and mind of the individual, harmony between one individual and the other; one community and the other; one nation and the other—that only can usher in True Peace. For this human nature has to be changed from within and not from without. And for that change to be brought about it is necessary that we should be at constant *war* with the animal part of our own being as also with EGO—who is dominating our human part. In that sense *War* is a necessity if Peace is to be achieved.

—From a Member's diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Baranagar: In its monthly meeting held on 20.11.83 Sri P.P. Bhattacharya informed the members of his Centre that the two teachers of the 'Student World' were respectively undergoing Integral Teachers' Training in Delhi Branch of Sri Aurobindo Ashram and Physical Training at Hanuman Vyam Maha Vidyalaya at Amaravati.

Beliaghata: It held its ninth monthly meeting on 12.11.83 when Sri Dilip Kumar Kar and Sri Prodip Kumar Dey presided. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee the Chief Guest discussed the significance of physical withdrawal of the Mother on 17th November 1973 as also of Mahasiddhi attained by Sri Aurobindo on 24th November 1926. He also explained the purpose of organising Local Centres of World Union. He emphasised that an individual must prepare himself both outwardly and inwardly. The Secretary of Central Calcutta Centre also attended the meeting.

Chelyama: It celebrated 24th November in a very befitting manner by organising various programmes in the morning and in the evening. With the March Past of the children the Mother's flag was hoisted. In the evening it held a meeting when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the significance of 'Siddhi Divas' by citing references from Savitri. He also explained the *Maheshwari* aspect of the Mother. He indicated that human unity was an essential step in Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana.

Domjur: On 30th October 1983 it held a meeting when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the difference between Religion and Spirituality and then spoke at length on Sri Aurobindo's integral yoga.

Durgapur: It held a meeting of the members and their families on 29.11.83 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed the concept of World Union.

Khar: It observed U. N. Day on 24-10-83 by installing the portrait of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo at 'Sangam' Peddar Road Centre under the joint auspices of World Union and that Centre. Sri Sundaram of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Sri N.S. Rao, Sri Pravinbhai Shukla and Sri N.S. Amin addressed the gathering. Sri Sundaram emphasised that the persons who attended this happy occasion had come from various walks of life with various faith. This reflected the Unity in Diversity which the Mother always indicated as the main theme of World Union. Sri N.S. Rao stated that the members of World Union could contribute in the work of the institution. Smt. Kokilaben and Sri Monmohan offered sweet Bhajan—devotional songs.

Nandannagr: It held its 4th monthly meeting by celebrating 15th August, 5th meeting on 28th September 1983, and 6th meeting on 2nd October 1983. The members discussed in those meetings the ideal and teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and their importance for the survival of the entire human kind. Sri. S. C. Ghosal presided.

Salt Lake: Its 29th monthly meeting was held on 12.11.83. The members took very keen interest in organising Centre's activities in such a way that they might create greater interest to ensure steady progress of the Movement. The members also discussed the 'New Programmes' as enumerated in Members' Page (November 1983 issue) and the policies laid down in Deputy General Secretary's Circular Letter of 5.10.83.

Santalidih Thermal: In its meeting held on 27.11.83, Dr Sukumar Mukherjee briefly discussed about future activities of the Centre.

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WORLD CONSTITUTION AND PARLIAMENT ASSOCIATION

Every human being, residing in any part of the Planet Earth, ought to learn to take a world view on every problem and behave as a World Citizen. Time is ripe when every nation must part with a portion of its sovereignty to a World Authority for the management of world affairs. There are persons and institutions around the world who work devotedly for the creation of a world authority and endeavour to conduct themselves as world citizens. Among them World Constitution and Parliament Association with headquarters at 1480 Hoyt Street, Suite 31, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, U.S.A., plays an important role for the creation of a world government and its Secretary General, Mr. Philip Isely, has worked with great devotion and made great personal sacrifices, financial and otherwise, so that a world government gets established on the Planet Earth, at least by stages, if not, all at once. Due to their effort and the cooperation of many friends devoted to this cause "A Constitution for the Federation of Earth" was finalised in June 1977 at Innsbruck, Austria. This Constitution will be revised in due course in the light of experiences gained. We pray for the success of the World Constitution and Parliament Association and its Secretary General. We urge our readers to study carefully the Constitution for the Federation of Earth and the five major World Legislative Bills, particularly World Legislative Bill No. 1 to Outlaw Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction and to Create a World Disarmament Agency, which five Bills were enacted into World Law at the First Session of the Provisional World Parliament organised under Article XIX of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth from the 4th to the 17th September 1982 at Brighton, England. We also urge our readers to ratify the Constitution for the Federation of Earth and the said Legislative Bills, particularly World Legislative Bill No. 1 and give due publicity to their ratification.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Extracts from a Brief Report of the Meeting of the Executive Cabinet of the W.C.P.A. held at New Delhi on 5, 6 and 7 December 1983:

Elections: N.S. Rao was elected Co-President of WCPA, replacing A.B. Patel, who

was made Honorary President for life; Sat Paul Mittal elected Cabinet Member at Large; Ratansinh Rajda as Co-Chairman of Parliamentary Commission; Mulka Govinda Reddy and Mohan R. Bajikar as Trustees. Later in the meeting the following additional elections were taken: Nirmalal Deshpande and B.P. Nigam as Trustees; K. Lakkappa as Co-Chairman Parliamentary Commission; Miss Jagdeep Azad and Mrs. Shandilya as Co-Chairpersons of Youth Commission; Mohan Badjkar and Sat Pal Kapur as Co-Chairpersons of P.W.P. Arrangements Commission; Mrs. Savitri Nigam as Jt. Deputy Secretary General; Thana Read of U.S.A. was elected to serve again as a Vice-President; Senator Wazeri, who is Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee of Senate in Nigeria and is WCPA member, was elected Co-Chairperson of Parliamentary Commission, subject to his acceptance. All other officers and cabinet members were re-elected for the next year. In addition, Trustees elected from other countries included: Carl Randolph, U.S.A., Dr. Roy Johnstone, Jamaica; Madan Bahadur Pradhan, Nepal. Nirmala Deshpande was subsequently nominated for Co-Chairperson of Liaison Commission. Finally, in accordance with the bye-laws, all others shown on the letterhead as Trustees, but who are delinquent more than a year in dues or from whom there has been no communication to indicate continued interest or commitment to WCPA, except for some technical reasons, are removed as Trustees by vote at the meeting.

For the business of the meeting, the following actions were taken:

1. The SEVEN YEAR PLAN in outline, as presented first in the letter of October 10, 1983, from the Secretary General to members of the Executive Cabinet and of the Steering Committee for the P. W. P., was approved by consensus after debate. Motion for acceptance made by Isely, second by Basu and S. Nigam. The main issue of debate was when to hold the proposed 1984 session of the Provisional World Parliament proposed for India, and the ratification campaign.

2. After further debate, it was moved, seconded and agreed by consensus to hold the 1984 session of the PWP in November or December of 1984, after the national elections, and the exact date to be fixed before the end of January, 1984. The Co-President, N. S. Rao, in consultation with the Secretary General, was authorized to confirm the exact date.

NOTE: After the meeting, and after various consultations with Members of Parliament and others, the date of October 2 to 16 was tentatively set for the second session of the Provisional World Parliament in New Delhi, as it had become clear that dates later in the year would most likely conflict with national elections. Due consultation between Mr. Rao and Mr. Isely confirmed this time.

3. For an entire day of discussion and debate on 6 December, many aspects about the Provisional World Parliament were examined. Minimum attendance at the 1984 session was estimated at about 300, with upwards of 1,000 thought possible, depending on the strength of the campaign during 1984.

4. Guidelines for the organization of the All-India Branch of WCPA were approved during a process of much debate and various amendments, as per the attached. The names of various M. P.s and others were proposed. (NOTE: These guidelines may be used in the formation and activation of other Branches of WCPA, also.)

5. Guidelines for a Secretariat to organize the 1984 sessions of the Provisional World Parliament were approved by consensus.

6. On December 7, the letter which had been sent to the Prime Minister of India, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, by Philip Isely on 3rd of December, was presented for discussion, and received approval by consensus as a strategy to be urged by WCPA by all feasible methods, and to be used as the basis for follow-up appeals to the non-aligned countries. Copy of the letter is attached.

7. A new MODEL BILL for action by national parliaments was presented and approved with one amendment, to substitute the word "appropriation" for the word "amount". Copy of the bill is attached. Ratansinh Rajda, M. P., later announced that he had taken the first steps for introduction of the bill in its entirety in the Lok Sabha, with the support of several M. P.s of the Congress (I) Party. Mr. Rajda, who is deputy leader of the Janata Party in the Lok Sabha, was recently elected the World Vice Chairman of Parliamentarians for World Order, as well as President of the 40-member-plus group of M. P.s of the India Branch of Parliamentarians for World Order. (The bill is now before the legal committee of Lok Sabha)

8. Concerning Rules of Procedure for the Provisional World Parliament, it was moved by Isely, second by B. Nigam, that "We recommend to the Steering Committee for the Provisional World Parliament that the denial of all proxy voting in the Parliament be re-instated as a Rule of Procedure." After much debate the motion was adopted by vote of 10 in favor, 2 abstentions.

9. A motion was duly made and seconded, with approval given by consensus, after debate, that "We recommend to the Steering Committee of the Provisional World Parliament that the Rules of Procedure include the stipulation that after the third day of the Parliament, that voting in the Parliament be restricted to accredited delegates who have participated in a minimum of three working days of the Parliament.

10. Concerning finances, after discussion it was agreed that a minimum of \$100,000, (or equivalent in India rupees), from within India, would be required for organizing and holding a successful session of the Provisional World Parliament in India; and those in India pledged that they would raise this amount. Gurudeep Manocha joined N.S. Rao in pledging \$1000 a year for the next five years. (Note: An equal amount, or more, must be raised from other countries.)

11. Guidelines for the formation of YOUTH FOR PEACE were presented by Helen Tucker. After some discussion and amendments, the guidelines were approved for the organization of "Youth For Peace" as the youth section of the World Constitution and Parliament Association. Following the executive meeting, an organizing meeting for "Youth for Peace" was held, under the guidance of Helen Tucker; and a campaign was defined, beginning with senior high schools and universities and colleges in India.

12. An organizing meeting for the All-India Branch of the World Constitution and Parliament Association proceeded on 8 December in the Gold Room of the Imperial Hotel, with about 50 persons taking part, presided by N.S. Rao, and including as many as ten Members of Parliament. Beginning officers for the All-India Branch were named, including as Co-Presidents: K. Lakkappa, General Secretary of the Parliamentary Congress (I) Party; and Bali Ram Bhagat, former Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Cabinet Minister, and a senior member of

Parliament. Both accepted. General Secretaries for the All-India Branch are Sat Pal Kapur, long time M.P. from Punjab, altho not presently in Parliament; and Mohan Bajikar, who has extensive experience and contacts in business and civic affairs. Altho various other nominations were made, the completion of the ten Vice Presidents and 30 Council members from a roster of nominees was left for another day. Gurudeep Manocha was among those elected to the Council. N.S. Rao will serve as Treasurer. A further report on organization of the All-India Branch will follow in due course, a meeting having been set for December 22.

We congratulate Sri N.S. Rao on being elected as Co-President of the W.C.P.A. and for taking a very active part in the meetings of Executive Cabinet etc. of the W.C.P.A.

Report of the 400th Birth Anniversary of Hugo Grotius organised by W.C.P.A. of West Bengal Local Chapter in cooperation with the University of Calcutta, Department of Law on the 10th December and 11th December 1983:

The two day programme was inaugurated on 10th December 1983 by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. A. Masud (Retd.), member of sub-commission for the prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, centre for Human Rights, United Nations, Geneva. Before his inaugural speech, the message of Sri A. B. Patel, Co-President. W. C. P. A. was read out by Nabendu Mustafy, Jt. Secretary of the Local Chapter and Dr. Arun Sil delivered the welcome address.

Dr. M. L. Upadhyaya, Principal of the Department of Law, the University of Calcutta in his speech, explained why HUGO GROTIUS is regarded as the father of International Law referring to different aspects of his works. Prof. C.J. Greenwood, Dean and Director of Studies in Law, Magdalene College, Cambridge, who was in Calcutta and kindly accepted our invitation, spoke on different important aspects of the Grotian theme. Prof. Basanti Mitra of Jadavpur University spoke of the natural and inalienable rights of the individuals as outlined by Grotius. Prof. S.K. Dasgupta of Calcutta University, in his usual fluent speech showed the utility of the Grotian theme in modern perspective.

S.A.M. Habibullah, Hon'ble Judicial Minister of West Bengal, in his speech as the Chief Guest emphasised on the Grotian view of International relations.

Dr. Pratap Chandra Chunder, former Union Minister of Education & Social Welfare and President of the Local Chapter discussed the life and works of Hugo Grotius. He also explained why W.C.P.A. was observing the birth anniversary of the great thinker.

After the discussion, some cultural programme consisting of Tagore's songs and dance related to the problems of humanity followed.

The second day of the celebration took place at the historical 'Darbhanga Hall' of the University of Calcutta on 11 December 1983 at 5:00 P.M. A Seminar on the subject 'Relevance of Hugo Grotius' was held on the basis of invited papers.

Dr. M.L. Upadhyaya, Principal, Department of Law of the University of Calcutta inaugurated. He emphasised on the importance of W.C.P.A. movement while discussing the contribution of Hugo Grotius in the modern perspective. Dr. Sakti Mukherjee of Calcutta University discussed the contents of the paper "Hugo Grotius—His Everlasting Contribution to Modern International Law" prepared jointly by himself and his wife Dr. Mrs. Indrani Mukherjee. Prof. Basanti Mitra of Jadavpur University summarised his paper "The Legal

Aspects of Political Offence in a changing World." She explained how Grotius distinguished between criminal and political offence. Prof. N.L. Mitra of Burdwan University, highlighted the options left to the people now and related Grotian view on similar matters. Prof. C.J. Greenwood of Cambridge discussed mainly on the concept of 'Just War' given by Grotius and spoke about the modern age 'totalitarian' war and its impact on mankind. (He has committed to send a paper to the Local Chapter).

In his Presidential address, Prof. S.K. Dasgupta, of Calcutta University, who also contributed a paper "Going Back to Grotius", pointed out that almost all the modern thoughts on International Order had a Grotian Origin. He reminded that it is time to remember Grotius. The question answer session was well participated and a number of important points were discussed. The second day programme ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Prof. K.C. Pal.

An exhibition on the life and works of Hugo Grotius was arranged at the Ashutosh Birth Centenary Hall (Indian Museum) on 10th December using the materials sent by the Embassy of Netherlands.

Resolution unanimously adopted on 9-10-83 by the Conference held at Sri Aurobindo Nivas, Baroda, by Sri Arvind Akhil Gujarat Mahamandal:

"At this time when we need peace very badly in the Campus of the Universities, this Conference of Sri Arvind Akhil Gujarat Mahamandal proposes and requests all the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities in India to establish a "Forum for Peace," as envisaged by the World Union International Centre, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry 605002".

Seminar on World Human Rights Day held at Bangalore on the 10th December 1983 organised by Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, National State and Bangalore World Union Centres and Indian Institute of World Culture:

Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row, President of World Union Bangalore Centre has sent the following information and brief report:

Currently in many countries it is the religious leaders who are in the forefront of human rights movement. Some have been sent to jail, others have been tortured or executed. At the same time in some other countries there is opposition to the declaration of human rights mainly because it does not conform with their religious ideals. There is a need to review the situation and understand it from varying points of view. This Seminar will focus on the three main religions of India—Christianity, Islam and Hinduism—and their view of human rights.

Speakers: Dr. K.C. Abraham, Director, Christian Ecumenical Centre, Whitefield, Mr. S.R. Kanthi Rao, Former Director of Translations, Karnataka State; Mr. Sadiq Suhael, Advocate and Professor of Law, V.V. Puram College of Law; Moderator & Chairman: Dr. Dwight Baker, Chairman, Department of Religion, Culture and Society, United Theological College, Bangalore.

In collaboration with the Indian Institute of World Culture and the Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, World Union National, Regional and Bangalore Centres observed 'World

Human Rights Day' on 10th December 1982 at the auditorium of the Indian Institute of World Culture, B. P. Wadia Road, Bangalore 560004 at 6 PM.

The Speakers stressed on the ethics and code inscribed in their respective holy scriptures, the strict observance of which will ensure Human Rights for all irrespective of religion, race or colour or sex. The consensus of the Seminar was, "when religion, becomes institutionalised, the "*Institution*" acquires interests and creates situations for its survival except by siding the administration viz. the Government, or the Party in Power.



General Secretary
January 20, 1984

Equality, renunciation of all desire for the fruit of our works, action done as a sacrifice to the supreme Lord of our nature and of all nature,—these are the three first Godward approaches in the Gita's way of Karmayoga.

Sri Aurobindo

MEMBERS' PAGE

A member from Pondicherry — appreciating the suggestions of Sri Purnendu Ghosh and Sri Soroj Kanti Deb comments that when after completion of 25 years World Union is to take the next step in its movement it is absolutely necessary that its individual members should prepare themselves both outwardly and inwardly to become the real standard bearers of World Peace and Human Unity. He also draws the attention of all concerned to the talk delivered by our Chairman on A.I.R. Pondicherry Station on the 27th November 1983 with which the Silver Jubilee celebration was concluded. The subject of the talk was "SRI AUROBINDO AND WORLD UNION" and was published as editorial in the January 1984 issue of our Journal. In course of his talk our Chairman pointed out "Sri Aurobindo calls upon man to awake to his soul the Divine Spirit in himself and let that soul flow out in its innate waves of Love, Harmony and Oneness. Each such awakened Individual is a force of change; a group of these is a major factor for Union and Peace. The *World Union* has this vision to guide it in its work; it does not look for quicker or spectacular results . . ."

The member from Pondicherry also suggests that World Union members including Sri Ghosh and Sri Deb may also peruse the article "BETTER LIVING (1)" by M. P. P. published in the same issue (Page 23) where from they may get guide lines of what they ought to practise.

DIALOGUE (18)

A TEACHER IS ALSO A REFORMER

Headmaster — Had I not gone through your latest novel which you presented me on the happy occasion of your 30th birthday, I would not have asked you to come here to have my views.

Ex-Student — 'Am so happy, Sir, that you had got time to go through my book.

Headmaster — Only one question I like to ask — Is it a novel or a pornography? and I must say that you have insulted the great soul — a true educationist of our time by dedicating the book to him. He is no more with us. So it is rather a crime on your part.

Ex-Student — 'Am sorry, I can't follow you.

Headmaster — You know better what is there in your book. You have shattered all our expectations. Long ago, when you were hardly 14,—reading in class IX of this School, I came across a very interesting short story in our School magazine written by you. I spoke highly of you to my then colleagues and hoped that

you would surely be an eminent novelist in future. But now I see that you have proved yourself as a notorious criminal by making the young boys and girls who are your readers—more and more perverted. We feel ashamed of the fact that you are a product of this institution. I wonder what prompted you to choose this line.

Ex-Student — Excuse me Sir, my readers have already been demoralised for which the socio-politic condition of our country is responsible and not we — the writers.

Headmaster — Don't you know that Dr. Chowdhury to whom you dedicated the book had written in many an article that authors must create new readers who would be able to appreciate their new outlook. They must not be carried away by the current.

Ex-Student — I do admit Sir, but who will pay for our endeavour? How long shall we have to wait for having our readers? Till then shall we be starving? I have no other employment.

Headmaster — You were a brilliant student of this institution. May be at present you are not staying here. Still it is disgraceful that you have taken up this occupation of poisoning the minds of our growing citizens.

Ex-Student — 'Am afraid, perhaps you are not aware that no body listens to any sermon. Days of sermonising have long gone. No body cares for it. Hot cakes they like and we are to supply them.

Headmaster — They are not hot cakes. They are something that injures the mental health of your readers.

Ex-Student — But can we ignore the stern realities because they are unhealthy?

Headmaster — What you call realities are nothing but actualities, but authors are expected to discover what potentially a man is. I don't like to argue. Please stop it. Let me see what I can do for you. It would be very nice if you can join this institution as a teacher. Now-a-days teaching profession is well paying. So, please see me with your application by the end of this month. 'Am sure you'll get ample time to create new themes which will help remould the entire society.

Ex-Student bowed down and said—
You are indeed my true teacher.

—From a Member's diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Regional Centre—West Bengal: It held its Executive Committee Meeting on 11-12-83 in which it was decided that it would hold a Zonal Seminar at Bipra Tikuri High School (near Santiniketan) on 24th and 25th March 1984 on the theme—"NATIONAL INTEGRATION AND INTERNATIONAL INTEGRATION—FROM WORLD UNION APPROACH."

Beliaghata: In its 9th monthly meeting held on 12-11-83 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee the Chief Guest discussed the significance of the month of November by explaining the physical withdrawal of The Mother on the 17th November 1973 and Mahasiddhi of Sri Aurobindo on the 24th November 1926. He also discussed how the Local Centres would work giving much stress on individual preparation. The meeting was presided over by Sri D.K. Kar and Sri P.K. Dey. It held its 10th Monthly meeting on 11-12-83 when Sri G. K. Roy presided. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the significance of Sri Aurobindo's physical withdrawal on 5th December 1950. Prof. Subodh Maitra, guest speaker narrated how he came into contact with Sri Aurobindo in his quest for the meaning of life and death.

Bhowanipur: On the 17th November 1983 the members observed the day of physical withdrawal of The Mother by offering of flowers and meditation. Later on Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the significance of the day. He also elucidated the necessity of The Mother's embodiment as also Her Maheswari aspect for helping the human race in widening and heightening its level of consciousness by transmuting the individual and collective ego. Dr. Mukherjee also indicated how Mahakali, Mahalaxmi and Mahasaraswati aspects of The Mother have been working to guide the human race to build up a New World out of the old one.

Bhandarhati: In its monthly meeting held on 27-12-83 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed the 'Present World Crisis and the Role of World Government' as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo by quoting suitable references from the Ideal of Human Unity and the Handbook.

Chakradharpur: The members celebrated Silver Jubilee of World Union Movement on 17th December 1983 in collaboration with the members of Sri Aurobindo Society Centre —when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee participated as the main Speaker. The function started at 7 AM with the hoisting of The Mother's flag. In the afternoon session Dr. Mukherjee discussed organisational matters with the members. In the evening the main programme was inaugurated by the Chairman of the Centre with lighting of 25 candles. The Secretary welcomed the assembly and then Dr. Mukherjee spoke on "Present Crisis and World Union" in which

he gave stress on The Mother's call to wake up and collaborate. The Principal of the Local College—the Chief Guest spoke briefly the need of World Union to tackle the present Crisis. Dr. B.B. De Chowdhury proposed a vote of thanks.

Dhenkanal: On the 22nd December 1983 its members celebrated the Silver Jubilee of World Union by holding a prayer meeting and organised the main programme on 23rd when Dr. Mukherjee explained at length the necessity of World Union Movement in the present world condition. He also answered several questions raised by the members which made the discussion very lively.

Domjur: It held its monthly meeting on 4-12-83 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke briefly on Conscious, Sub-Conscious and Super Conscious stages of human beings. He explained the teachings of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

Maithon: The members observed 17th and 24th November and held a meeting on 27th November 1983 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the significance of The Mother's withdrawal and Mahasiddhi attained by Sri Aurobindo. On 28th November Dr. Mukherjee discussed various aspects of The Mother with reference from 'Savitri' and 'The Mother'.

New Alipur: It held its monthly meeting on 3rd November 1983 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained that the present world situation was a result of the conflict between the old ideas and habits and the new emerging consciousness.

The next monthly meeting was held on 1st December 1983 with reading from Savitri. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed the two conditions for a Spiritual Society. All the members took active part in the discussion.

North Calcutta: In its 116th monthly meeting held on 21-11-83 the Secretary in his inaugural address reiterated the necessity of personal preparatory Sadhana to achieve Knowledge, Power and Love by *Seva Swadhyaya* and *Ishwara Pranidhana*. He then read out Bengali translation of 'The Hour of God'. Then a composite programme of readings from the selected portions of The Mother's 'Prayers & Meditation' with songs of Tagore was performed by the members. Members also solemnly observed The Mother's physical withdrawal on 17-11-73.

In its 117th monthly meeting held on 20-12-83 after devotional song and chanting of hymns and group concentration the Secretary opened the discussion on "Spirituality in Modern Time". He indicated that modernity was ushered in our country after British conquest—knowledges of various aspects of outer life came through western channels. But at the same time, he also pin-pointed,—by Divine intervention our *Santan Dharma* was revived by the endeavour of noble souls like Raja Mohan Roy, Bankim Chandra, Sri Rama Krishna, Swami Vivekananda, Rabindranath and Sri Aurobindo. The key notes of the teachings of these thinkers and spiritual leaders were the synthesis and integration, a cohesion of the ideas of east and west of matter and spirit, of soul and nature, of theory and practice. Thus we reached

a stage of pragmatic spirituality— which might be compared to "Practical Vedanta" as envisaged by Swami Vivekananda with slight modification.

This was followed by lively discussion through question and answer.

Thereafter the Secretary read out relevant portions from The Mother's writing on "Ordinary and Spiritual life". Smt. Anita Basu read out selected pieces from The Mother's 'Prayers and Meditation' (Bengali). Sri Nabendu Mustafy Jt. Secretary, W. C. P. A. Local Chapter, presented before the house a brief report of two days' Seminar held on 10th and 11th December 1983.

Rishra: It held its monthly meeting on the 29th October 1983 when Shri K. P. Datta presided.

Sri B. Chakraborty discussed inner guide is the true guide. He quoted references from the Geeta. Sri Deb Kumar Das commented that only the constructive mind could get the man and the Society liberated through the accomplishment of work based on World Union. The meeting started with reciting of Durga Stotra and group concentration.

Salt Lake In its 30th monthly meeting the members appreciated and accepted the proposal of the Secretary, to start a library with selected books of great thinkers particularly those of Sri Aurobindo, and The Mother. Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya, Secretary, Regional Centre West Bengal discussed the Integral Yoga with quotation from 'The Mother'.

Shibpur: It held its monthly meetings on 13.11.83 and 11.12.83. In the first meeting Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the ideal of World Union with reference to "Ideal and Progress" and "The Ideal of Human Unity". The second meeting was presided over by Sri Indu Bhusan Sinha Roy who discussed elaborately the Supramental light and how it was achieved by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother after arduous labour. Sri Gour Mohan Sinha Roy read out and explained Canto V of Savitri.

Sundargarh: It held a general meeting on 21-12-83 on the occasion of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee's first visit of the Centre. Dr. Mukherjee spoke on the life of Sri Aurobindo and his message for creating World Union. He emphasised that as World Union was an accomplished fact, there was no doubt about its necessity and inevitability. He called upon the youth to collaborate.

Sultanpur: It observed on 24-11-83 in a befitting manner the *Atimanas Siddhi* attained by Sri Aurobindo on the 24th November 1926 when Dr. H. D. Shukla presided. The Secretary of the Centre explained the significance of the 'DAY'. He also recalled The Mother's physical withdrawal on the 17th November 1973 and the last message She gave to the world — "Freedom does not come from outer circumstances but from inner liberation. Find your soul, unite with it, let it govern your life and be free."

Sri Tri'oke Nath recited 7 verses of Chapt IV from 'Gita' and said that The Mother and Sri Aurobindo both came for the emancipation of mankind from the bondage of ignorance so that an era of Truth might usher in. Sri S. N. Ojha emphasised the necessity of surrender to

the Almighty. Dr. D. C. Banik Chairman of the Centre indicated that only through working for mass-welfare the present day divisive society could be integrated. In his Presidential address Dr. Shukla explained the unique significance of the Siddhi Divas and the effect of Supra-mental light that was brought down for the transformation of the Earth.

Uttarpara: It held its 121st and 122nd monthly meetings on 22.10.83 and 12.11.83.

In the first meeting it observed 'Vijaya Sammilani' along with monthly Seminar. Sri N. B. Nandy presided. Five speakers namely Sarvashri Rathindra Nath Banerjee, Srinivas Chatterjee, N.K. Roy, P.K. Banerjee and Sadananda Bhattacharya spoke on the 'Significance of Vijaya'. Sri S.K. Gupta proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers.

In the 2nd meeting the subject of discussion was "Spiritual elements in individual Life for the growth of World Union". Sri N. B. Nandy was on the Chair. Shri N. K. Roy indicated that though 25 years had passed, the achievement was insignificant. This was because the principle of World Union was not practised by individual in its day to day life. Sri S. K. Gupta emphasised the need for spiritual training and called upon all members to practise discipline of body, life and mind to achieve universal consciousness.

New Centres:

Nandura: This Centre was opened on 25-11-83 under the inspiration and guidance of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Coordinator of World Union in the Eastern Region. The Secretary is Sri Nadia Ghosh and the address of the Centre is: World Union Nandura Centre, P. O. RAGHUNATHPUR 723133 Vill: Nandura, Dt: Purulia, West Bengal.

Debagram: This Centre was opened on 7-12-83 under the inspiration and guidance of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Coordinator of World Union in the Eastern Region. The Secretary is Haripada De and the address of the Centre is: World Union Debagram Centre, Shahid B. N. Banerjee Road, P. O. & VILL: DEBAGRAM, Dt: Nadia, West Bengal.

Garia: This Centre was opened on 4-12-83 under the inspiration and guidance of Dr. Basudev Battacharya. Secretary, World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal and Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Chairman, World Union Regional Centre, W. Bengal. The Chairman is Sri Subir Kr. Sen and the address of the Centre is: World Union Garia Centre, Kamdahari, P. O. GARIA, CALCUTTA 700084.

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Deputy General Secretary
January 20, 1984



IS DISARMAMENT POSSIBLE?

Mankind stands today at a crossroads. It is the unique time of decisions unknown in the past. There is all around the world the increasing rate and complexity of serious difficulties. There is an unabating competition in armaments — particularly between super-powers. There is a serious danger of nuclear world war. Humanity is also facing many problems such as pollution, erosion, reforestation, overfishing, desertification, change in climate, need for the adequate supply of water, minerals and renewable resources, adequate supply of energy, rapid changes in the world due to technological development, overpopulation, constant increase of population in urban areas. If these problems are left unheeded now, they may become highly difficult of solution in course of time. Some of these problems may lead humanity to a crisis, resulting in its extinction, but adequate and proper handling of these problems may lead mankind to a new era of a New World, a New Culture and a New Civilisation. We feel confident that inspite of the difficult situation now prevailing in the world, universal higher forces will find a way out, but there could be, in the process, appreciable destruction of men and property.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Achievement of Disarmament in the world through a Mediation Commission:

Mr. J.M. Nazareth, Advocate (Q.C) of Nairobi, Kenya, has circulated a letter dated 3rd March 1983 under the title of "TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN", which letter reads.

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter dated 27 January 1983 (with the papers enclosed with the letter) sent to the heads of all Diplomatic Missions in Nairobi, Kenya. A similar letter dated 15 February 1983 was sent to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of most of the other member nations of UN.

Moves toward constituting a Commission and commencing an effective process of Mediation on the lines proposed in the resolution of the World Constitution and Parliament Association passed in New Delhi, India on 24 February 1981 (with the rider thereto approved by the resolution passed by the Provisional World Parliament in Brighton, England on 15 September 1982) ought to be initiated as soon as possible.

4 For the purpose of making acceptable Proposals resting on an enduring basis the Com-

mission may have to go into and reach a conclusion on such questions as whether the Soviet Union believes and bases its policy on the belief that a nuclear war is winnable. On that basic question relevant views will be found in *U.S. - Soviet Relations in the Era of Detente* (Boulder Co., Westview Press, 1981) by Professor Richard Pipes, whose views are of great importance, as he joined President Reagan's staff as an expert on Soviet affairs, and in *Clash With the Soviet Union* by William G. Hyland (in Foreign Policy Magazine No. 49 Winter 1982-83). The time is ripe for a mediating commission to close or narrow by its Proposals and findings the gap between the opposing superpowers and to bring a larger element of reason and reasonableness into their deadly, locked struggle for power and their tortuous, unfruitful negotiations; your aid and support are sought in inducing the superpowers to constitute with all possible speed such a Commission.

The copy of the letter dated 27 January 1984 prepared very ably by Mr. Nazareth was sent to the heads of about 60 Diplomatic Missions with their offices in Nairobi. A similar letter dated 15th February was sent to about 30 Ministers of Foreign Affairs of countries which have no Diplomatic Missions in Kenya, but who were members of the United Nations. That letter reads:

Your Excellency,

I beg to request you to glance through the enclosed papers described below and forward them to your Government requesting it to urge the United States and Soviet Union Governments to accept and implement the resolution of 24 February 1981 of the World Constitution and Parliament Association (WCPA) and the resolution of 15 September 1982 of the Provisional World Parliament.

It is submitted that these two resolutions propose the best and speediest practicable processes and measures for achieving the greatest and fastest progress towards solving the complex problem of world disarmament, that is, through mediation by a commission all the five members of which have in effect been agreed or accepted by both the above superpowers and at the same time by their taking immediately or in the near future some steps which, given some goodwill and a real desire for disarmament on the part of the superpowers, can be taken by them without the sacrifice of any vital interest. Whether or not Bill 1 mentioned in PWP's resolution can be accepted as practicable now or in the near future WCPA's resolution and the rest of PWP's resolution can, it is submitted, be readily recommended to the Soviet Union and the United States by all national governments as acceptable for immediate implementation. Similar letters are accordingly being sent to all member nations of UNO so that representations made by many governments all over the world may induce the United States and Soviet Union governments to accept and implement the above two resolutions.

With the lack of any significant progress at the last U.N. Special Session on Disarmament in New York and at the current Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (SART) in Geneva there is urgent need for action on the line proposed in the two enclosed resolutions. If a substantial number of governments act as requested in the present letter it is felt that a vital service will be rendered to humanity. Your Government, it is fervently hoped, will be one of the earliest to respond to this request.

It is realised that embassies and high commissions generally do not take notice of communications such as this form from individuals or small groups of people. But, in view of

the vast damage done and the deadly danger presented by the long-continued failure to solve or make any substantial progress towards solving the formidable problem of world disarmament, it is respectfully submitted that the situation justifies or impels approach to you by a single individual or a small group of people, attention should be directed not so much to the persons making the proposals as to the merits of the proposals themselves and the reasons by which they are supported.

Recent events encourage the belief that hopes of progress towards world disarmament are brighter now than they have been for the last one or two years with e.g. new leadership and some indications of greater flexibility of approach in the Soviet Union, improvement in relations between the United States and its European allies after misunderstandings or differences arising over the Soviet pipeline and trade relations with the Soviet Union, talks between Chinese and Soviet leaders and reduced tension between the two countries, and increased resistance in the United States to high military expenditure by the Administration. The present, therefore, is a time that calls for the taking of early practicable steps that hold out good hopes of achieving substantial and speedy progress towards achieving world disarmament; and the early constitution of an acceptable and effective mediating process holds out the best means towards that end and towards reducing misunderstandings or distrust between the superpowers.

The papers enclosed herewith are copies of the following:-

1. (a) Resolution with (b) supporting Statement passed by WCPA in New Delhi, India, on 24 February 1981.
- 2.: Appeal dated 14 August 1981 distributed to Delegates and Non-Government Organisations attending the UN Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, on New and Renewable Sources of Energy.
3. Resolution passed by PWP in Brighton, England, on 15 September 1982.
4. Speech by the undersigned prepared for delivery and partly delivered before PWP in support of above resolution as moved on 15 September 1982.

I earnestly beg to request the favour of an acknowledgement hereof and, if possible, an indication of any action, Your Excellency or your Government may have thought fit to take hereon.

With highest consideration,

A Prime Minister of an important country, who was also a Minister of Foreign Affairs of that country, appreciated the efforts made by Mr. Nazareth for a Mediation Commission for Disarmament, but dissented from the proposal for a Mediation Commission, advocated in the New Delhi Resolution of 24 February 1981 to which resolution a rider was added by the Provisional World Parliament's resolution of the 15th September 1982 at Brighton that the findings of the Mediation Commission should be binding on the Super-Powers. On account that dissenting voice, Mr. Nazareth prepared very ably and quite fully a very long paper of the Disarmament Case for a Mediation Commission, got it printed on the 30th June 1983 and sent to all heads of Diplomatic Missions in Nairobi and Ministers for Foreign Affairs to whom

the letter of the 27th January 1983 and of the 15th February 1983 respectively were sent. The case presented by Mr. Nazareth in the paper of the Disarmament case for a Mediation Commission has been done so well that any reasonable persons or countries will be agreeable to accept his proposal of Mediation Commission for Disarmament. But the present National States and their leaders are incapable of becoming rational and therefore one does not expect them even to give consideration to it. Present National States and their leaders are already out of date, and they are incapable to do anything but to lead humanity to extinction. They can not do anything better. But fortunately the mankind is presented with better prospects in future by a book "ULTIMATE FRONTIER" published in USA, costing \$ 5.95 and available from the Stelle Group, Stelle, Illinois 60919 USA. THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER offers fresh insight into today's complex problems and provides a moving and practical message of hope. The book presents the inspiring philosophy and world view of a brotherhood of scientist-philosophers dedicated to improving and preserving the best of civilization. This brotherhood has been continuously in existence from very ancient times to the present, and valuable historical perspective preserved in their archives have been drawn upon for this book. Their philosophy is a common-sense approach to personal spiritual growth that has been used successfully by thousands of men and women who have learned to overcome the negative aspects of contemporary society and now lead happy, prosperous and fulfilling lives.

The world view of the brotherhood includes the probability of economic and political strife in the United States during the 1980's, increasing incidence of destructive winds, drought and floods, extensive seismic and volcanic activity as the century draws to a close, and a cataclysmic reapportionment of Earth's land masses in the year 2000, prefacing a Golden Age of humaneness and spiritual enlightenment. Some of the other fascinating subjects discussed in THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER are:

- Evidence of a magnificent civilisation that once flourished on the now-submerged continent of Lemuria in the Pacific Ocean.
- The coordinated programme behind the works of several members of the Brotherhood—Jesus, Moses, Buddha, Isaiah, Akhnaton, Confucius and Lao Tzu.
- A moving story of communities that are actually living by this philosophy.
- A Master Plan, dating from 4700 B.C. and involving by the Great Pyramid, for establishing in October A.D., 2001, a new nation dedicated to the uplift of all mankind.

THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER describes the mysteries of human existence intelligently and understandably, and may well mark the beginning of a much greater phase of Western Civilisation.

The Passing of Nolini :

We are sorry to announce the passing of Sri Nolini Kanta Gupta, President of Sri Aurobindo Ashram Board of Trust, on February 7. He was 95. He had been closely associated with the World Union, as a senior member of our Executive Committee for a large number of years. His advice was always invaluable and his writings on Human Unity have been an inspiration to our members.

(This was prepared by Sri M.P. Pandit)

Sardar Patel University—Forum for Peace :

Prof. Leo Elison of Colgate University, Hamilton, USA, recently delivered a talk before the members of Forum for Peace on the subject: "Why I am a Pacifist."

Forum for Peace, Sardar Patel University, sponsored by World Union Pondicherry organised an Elocution Competition for the students, venue of which was Nalini Arvind & T.V. Patel Arts College. The organisers were Dr. S.V. Vaishnav and Dr. Dhirubhai Desai. The function was presided over by Dr. D.D. Jadeja. Students were divided among four groups: Secondary, Higher Secondary, Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate. Panel of judges declared in all ten prizes for the above four groups. The subjects for the Elocution Competition were: (i) For the Secondary School Group: "Yugpurush Gandhiji". (ii) For College Group: "How do we establish Peace and Unity in the present world?"

The prizes were given in the form of books of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.



General Secretary
February 18, 1984

MEMBERS' PAGE

In response to our request (vide this page of December 1983 issue) regarding programme of work to be chalked out by Centres on the basis of 'PRAGMATIC SPIRITUALITY'; Sri Prabhakar, Secretary, Sultanpur Centre suggests that INDIVIDUALLY each member should endeavour:

- (1) to love God for the sake of God and not for the fulfilment of one's own selfish ends,
- (2) to give up selfish and egoistic conduct of life and live to follow the principles of 'SIMPLE LIVING AND HIGH THINKING',
- (3) to have faith in ONENESS of all life on Earth,
- (4) to love all men irrespective of their caste, colour, creed and nationality, and
- (5) to regard oneself as an instrument of God to work for the fulfilment of HIS will.

For this purpose *MEDITATION* and *SWADHAYA* are necessary for each individual member and therefore programme should be chalked out accordingly.

In relation to Society all the members are expected:

- (1) to regard all men and countries as equal since all have equal rights to live on Mother Earth, as members of One Family,
- (2) to foster in all men, through personal life and social contacts, the consciousness of ONENESS of all life and Unity of human kind,
- (3) to do away with all factors of disintegration in domestic, social and national life,
- (4) to see and judge all problems—social, national or international from all-pervasive perspective avoiding all sorts of parochialism and to devise means for their radical solution,
- (5) to create an atmosphere of peace and amity in collaboration with the youths and women by organising FORUM FOR PEACE in Universities, and
- (6) to contact peoples of various walks of life through social service units.

World Union Centres are to organise and conduct suitable programmes of their own as also to collaborate with the like minded organisations to fulfil the above objectives.

DIALOGUE (19)

POLITICS AND PATRIOTISM

(A Senior Professor of a College was travelling in a car with his journalist friend.)

Senior Professor — A man is a biped animal atleast physically while an animal is a quadruped man atleast vitally. Am I correct?

- Journalist** — No, not cent percent Sir. You are 50% correct. Because, there are two portions in your statement; the first one is correct but the second one is not.
- Professor** — Then you mean to say that an animal has got nothing 'man' in it! But I very well know that it has. It has anger, greed, infatuation, lust—everything as a 'man' has. In that stage there is no difference between a man and an animal.
- Journalist** — Yes Sir, I admit to that extent an animal is a quadruped man—or in other words a man is a biped animal.
- Professor** — Now, here is another puzzle. A politician is a political patriot while a patriot is a domestic politician. Am I correct?
- Journalist** — No Sir, because there can't be any word like domestic politician.
- Professor** — A politician is said to be a political patriot when he loves his country for the fulfilment of his political ideal. And a patriot is said to be a domestic politician when he adopts some political means for the emancipation and development of his own country.
- Journalist** — I understand. But is there any such person in any country?
- Professor** — Oh, many! But 'am afraid, there may not be any patriotic politician.
- Journalist** — Yes. Present-day politics has no respect for patriotism.

From a Member's diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bangalore: In its meeting held on 14-1-84 Sri M. K Rameswaram who returned from a tour of S.E. Asian countries gave a talk on "My Impression on the South East Asian Countries". Smt. Shyamala Chandran spoke on "Health by Following Nature" in a meeting jointly organised by the World Union Bangalore Centre and Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs on 20-1-84.

Bhowanipur: To observe the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda a meeting was held on 12-1-84 when Mr. D.D. Roy spoke about Swamiji. He also read out a few translations from Swamiji's "Songs of the Sannyasins".

Bagnan: It organises its study classes regularly on every Monday and Friday. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee takes monthly classes on the *Ideal of Human Unity* and *Human Cycle* and Sri Krishnapada Banerjee takes classes on the *Essays on the Gita*.

Beliaghata: In its 12th monthly meeting held on 5th February 1984 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Guest in Chief spoke on 'Individual Preparation for Future Society' after observing two minutes silence to condole the sad demise of Pranab Ch. Nag—a member of the Centre. The meeting was presided over by Sri D.N. Sur and a few members from New Alipur Centre attended the meet.

Central Calcutta: It celebrated Silver Jubilee of World Union on the 10th December 1983 with the devotional song offered by Km. Arati Ghosh. A Seminar was organised by the Centre under the Chairmanship of Sri Promode Sen, President, New Life Movement. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Sri Sujit Palit Secretary, North Calcutta Centre, Sri Nalini Bhusan Mukherjee of Dattapukur Centre and Sri Nirmalendu Bhattacharya, a student leader spoke on the occasion. The function ended with devotional songs presented by Sri Prabir Bhattacharya, Kumari Manju Sarkar and Km. Tulu Saha—Secretary Nandannagar Centre.

Domjur: In its monthly meeting held on 1-1-84 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana for "Transformation of Earthly Life to Divine Life". He further added some valuable quotations from "A Handbook of World Union".

New Alipur: It started its annual meeting held on 5th January 1984 with a reading from "Prayers, and Meditation" for peace and harmony in this earth. Then Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee stated that a mass prayer for a New World Order would surely have some effect in

the long run. It was followed by Nolinida's tape recorded talk on 'Savitri'. In this context Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed how Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana for integral transformation would help establishing a City of God. Questions asked by a new member were satisfactorily discussed by Sri A.K. Bhowmik.

It also held its monthly meeting on 2.2.84 with the reading from 'Savitri'. Dr. Mukherjee read out from "Mother's Questions and Answers"—how an individual should prepare himself to achieve higher consciousness. He emphasised that one should remember that the life in the world was progressing towards greater perfection. Sri P.C. Banerjee (new member) read out a passage regarding transformation from "The Life Divine".

North Calcutta: In its 118th monthly meeting held on 20.1.84 the Secretary opened discussion on "Dynamic Spirituality". He pointed out that the spirituality as propounded by Sri Aurobindo and activated by The Mother was always dynamic in its character in as much as it meticulously endeavoured to cope with all the aspects and manifestations of life and nature.

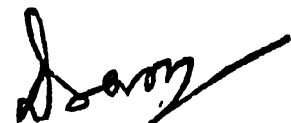
Sri Palit then read out a prose piece "Our Ashram" written by Sri M.P. Pandit wherein Sri Pandit lucidly explained the dynamism of spirituality in Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry.

On 15.1.84 'Gitanjali', a musical group of Uttarpara presented Tagore's songs.

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A NEW WORLD IS TAKING A SHAPE

The Central question is whether the nation, the largest natural unit which humanity has been able to create and maintain for its collective living, is also its last and ultimate unit or whether a greater aggregate can be formed which will englobe many and even most nations and finally all in its united totality. The impulse to build more largely, the push towards the creation of considerable and even very vast supranational aggregates has not been wanting; it has even been a permanent feature in the life instincts of the race.

Postscript Chapter to
"The Ideal of Human Unity"
by Sri Aurobindo

Duties to self, to the family, to the country and to the world are not independent of one another. One cannot do good to the country by injuring himself or his family. Similarly, one cannot serve the country injuring the world at large. In the final analysis we must die that the country may live and the country must die so that the world may live. . . .

Mahatma Gandhi

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

A New World with a New Culture and a New Civilisation :

Sri Aurobindo has stated in the postscript chapter to 'The Ideal of Human Unity':

"The question now put by evolving Nature to mankind whether its existing international system, if system it can be called, a sort of provisional order maintained with constant evolutionary or revolutionary changes cannot be replaced by a willed and thought out fixed arrangement, a true system, eventually a real unity—serving all the common interests of the earth's peoples. An original welter and chaos with its jumble of forces forming wherever it could larger or smaller masses of civilisation and order which were in danger of crumbling

or being shaken to pieces by attacks from the outer chaos was the first attempt to cosmos successfully arrived at by the genius of humanity".

The Earth is an evolutionary planet. It continuously evolves. It evolved plant life from minerals, evolved animal life from plant life and evolved human race from animal life. Human race has been continuously evolving to a higher and better life, and is evolving very rapidly at present under the impact of science and technology and the spiritual forces and movements operating throughout the world. Man is evolving from imperfection to perfection, from ignorance to knowledge, from falsehood to truth. During the present period of evolution there is an unprecedented and a bitter struggle between the forces of imperfection and those of perfection, the forces of ignorance and those of knowledge, the forces of falsehood and those of truth, which struggle puts man alert to evolve to a higher consciousness. According to Sri Aurobindo the necessary change, in the world, may not be gradual but sudden. It seems that the negative forces are active and virile for obstructing the shaping of a New World, but the positive forces are active in resisting these negative forces and for a New World. It seems that in the long run the negative forces will lose the battle and positive forces will win and a New World will come into existence. It may take a few decades before the New World becomes operative, but it is likely that under the impact of science and technology guided by spiritual forces the New World may appear earlier than expected.

Vast and rapid changes are at present taking place in human society, and there is hardly any doubt that forces of lust, violence, greed, pride, corruption and vanity, now obstructing the onward march of humanity, will get eliminated. There is little doubt that a small minority of humanity is fast moving upward and will ultimately influence the whole society. Superficially it looks that the negative forces are controlling the human affairs and humanity, instead of marching onward, is falling back. This is likely to prove a superficial view because the negative forces are working to their utmost to obstruct the onward evolutionary march of the human race, but these forces are not likely to last long.

WCPA—Local Chapter, West Bengal:

Nabendu Mustafi, Joint Secretary, informs that a Seminar on "SRI AUROBINDO, EINSTEIN AND WORLD STATE" will be held on 21-4-84 at 23 Nirmal Chandra Street, Calcutta-12, at 6 PM. All are cordially invited.



General Secretary
March 17, 1984

MEMBERS' PAGE

In this 'Page' of January 1984 we invited comments on the suggestions of Sri Purnehdu Ghosh and Sri Saroj Kanti Deb published in that 'Page'. Both the members opined that for the realisation of 'ONENESS' as also for inner preparation practice of yoga is a necessity. Hence they proposed that the salient aspects of Sri Aurobindo's yoga might be made known to the members through this 'Page'.

Now in response to our call for further comments on their suggestion Sri D.K. Bhattacharya, Chairman, Alambazar Centre stated:

"Oneness is realisable only when the mind of a being is silenced. That is an enigma for men like we at the moment. Yet there is a way out for a member of World Union since World Union is a Movement through work and not a meditation as such. About yoga—"All life is a yoga" says Sri Aurobindo. The Mother holds—"work is the best(?) prayer". It follows therefore that work is the best instrument of yoga. . ."

If 'ONENESS' is realisable only when the *mind* of a being is silenced and because work is the *body's* best prayer to the Divine, questions may arise whether *mind* can be made silenced through work or whether to achieve the desired result through work is it necessary to do work with silenced mind?

DIALOGUE (20)

Where the NIGHT dawns

Ticket Collector — Are you coming by this train?

Passenger — Yes. But 'am to go further. They were saying that the train would stop where the night would dawn and would not proceed further.

Ticket Collector — Yes. This is the terminus. But whence are you coming?

Passenger — From the land of darkness the old world. I passed through the morning twilight of New Horizon and then the night dawned and I got down.

Ticket Collector — Now where are you to go?

Passenger — To the land of Light—to the New World. It is not very far I believe, because the Night has dawned. Shall I not get any conveyance from here?

Ticket Collector — But 'am afraid, you'll not be able to reach there by surface route. You are to pass through the space. So, please take rest in the waiting room. Let me finish my work, then I'll be able to help you.

After about 15 minutes the Ticket Collector came and saw that the passenger was eagerly waiting for him. The Ticket Collector sat by his side and asked:

Excuse me, what's your name please?

Passenger — *Abhipsu*, that means ASPIRANT.

Ticket Collector — Very good. Now you aspire to go to the New World. Do you know anything about it? Can you describe how it looks?

Abhipsu — I do know how it looks, but 'am unable to describe it, because old vocabulary is of no help.

Ticket Collector — But so far as I know—there are five countries in this old world who have been trying to create a NEW WORLD for the last four decades. Do you know them?

Abhipsu — Yes, I know. But I have got nothing to do with them.

Ticket Collector — But I believe that without their help you can't reach the destination. Let me explain why! You know that there are five countries in this old world—the U.S.A., U.S.S.R., U.K., France and China—who are the owners so to say, of a huge workshop known as the U.N. where the NEW WORLD is being built up. They are the architects of the New World. They know very well that human problems cannot be radically solved by any means that the old world suggests. So one or the other of the five architects cast its *veto* and the problems remain ever unsolved. They know and believe that until the New World is created the peoples of this Planet Earth will have to wait. And so they have been exploring the space, discovering planets and manufacturing so many varied weapons that may be necessary for creating the New World. Apparently, it seems to us that they are rivals but in fact they are close collaborators, jointly and severally endeavouring to demolish this old abode of mankind to erect the New One on its debris where there will be no more war. Those who will survive may live there in peace. For this purpose they have taken up double mode of actions at the same time. They cast their vetos whenever necessary to keep the world ever problematic on the one hand and on the other they continue stock piling of more and more deadly weapons to demolish the world as and when necessary. They believe that they would survive to live in the New

World like the Pandavas after the great war of KURUKSHETRA where more dreadful and forbidden weapons were used—as the Mahabharata says. This total destruction is a necessity as you can easily understand or else the New World can not be created.

Abhipsu

- But to me it seems that they have chosen the wrong path. With the exploration of the outer space they should have tried to explore the inner world as well. Then only they could realise that transformation of earth-nature and not its destruction is the only thing to be done to bring about the change and **Love** is the sure means and not the deadly weapons, which can pave the path for the New World to usher in. My sincere gratitude to you because it is you who helped me to feel the vibration of this place where Night has Dawned. Let me stay here and salute the Advent of the DAY for which I travelled so long a way.

From a Member's diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

Sardar Patel University—Forum for Peace :

Dr. D.D. Jadeja, Secretary of the Forum reports that on 2nd March 1984 Prof. Gunvant Shah of Surat delivered a talk before the Forum on "Peace Education Through Yoga".

World Union Centres:

Bangalore: On 23rd February 1984 it held its monthly meeting at the Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs when Smt. Shyamala Chandran spoke her second lecture of the series on "Health Via Nature —Raja Yoga made easy". The meeting was well attended.

Beliaghata: In its 11th monthly meeting held on December 17th 1983, Dr. Ujjal Kr. Dutta, Founder Director of Scientific Life Divine Mission spoke on "Science and Spirituality". Sri Goutam Kr. Roy presided.

In its 13th monthly meeting held on 13th February 1984—started with tape-recorded music of The Mother, the members of the Centre under the Presidentship of Sri D.N. Sur condoled the passing away of Nolinida.

Bhandarhati: It held its monthly meeting on 18-2-84 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee narrated different incidents in Sri Aurobindo's Life and realisation with reference to World Unity. He also explained how spiritual society would come out of the present chaotic structure of society.

Chaibasa: It celebrated the Silver Jubilee of World Union in a befitting manner on 18-12-83 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained how members of World Union should prepare themselves by four-fold perfection of soul, mind, vital and body. In the evening after prayer and reading from Kathamrita by Ramkrishna Parishad, Sri P. Chakraborty, Secretary Chakradharpur Centre presented devotional songs. Then Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee in his speech emphasised that Sri Aurobindo's philosophy was realistic and not illusory. He also stated that the aim of World Union was to achieve higher consciousness at collective level to realise human unity and world peace.

Domjur: It held its monthly meeting on the 5th February 1984 when Dr. Mukherjee narrated beautifully a few events of The Mother's behaviour towards mankind, animals, birds, trees, plants and flowers and concluded saying that this attitude was a necessity for realising the truth of Oneness. The Mother was the Supreme Power and She would help us in every

respect. Thus the Centre offered their Love and devotion to The Mother on the eve of Her birth anniversary day (21st February).

Nandannagar: On 21-2-84 it celebrated the birth anniversary of The Mother when Sri Sadan Chandra Ghosal was on the chair. After his inaugural address Sri Aloke Kumar Majumdar presided over the function which started with devotional songs offered by Sagarika, Molina and Tulu.

The members also observed two minutes' silence to condole the passing away of Nolinida. Later Sri Majumder read out some portions from Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. The function was ended with religious songs offered by Miss Sathi Ghosal and Archana Majumder.

New Alipur: In its monthly meeting held on 1st March 1984 the Chairman of the Centre Sri A.K. Bhowmick and Smt. Mira Mukherjee discussed the immortality of the soul with reference from the Gita. Then the significance of "Supramental Descent" (29th February) in relation to the integral transformation of human nature to establish Life Divine on Earth was explained by Smt. Mira Mukherjee after a long meditation with Ashram music.

North Bantra: On 19-2-84 the members condoled the passing away of Nolinida by observing two minutes silence and offering of flowers. On 26-2-84 they condoled the sad demise of Sri Jiban Kr. Ghosh a member of the Centre jointly with the members of 'KORAK' (a Social association of the locality).

Salt Lake: It held its 31st monthly meeting on 14.1.84 which was attended by Professors, Judges and distinguished persons of the locality. Sri M. Chakraborty, late Principal of Santipur College and Professor of City College, Calcutta, spoke on 'Human Unity and World Peace on a spiritual foundation'. He traced out the root of spiritual Sadhana from Rig Veda and Upanishads and explained its gradual development which culminated in integral spirituality of Sri Aurobindo. Dr. Jatileswar Mukherjee, Professor of Presidency College, Calcutta, dealt with several questions raised by Sri H. Sthanapati a distinguished person of the locality.

(NB: This report was due be published in March 1984 issue, but it appeared later on that it was not sent to the Press. We are sorry for this lapse.)

In its 32nd monthly meeting held on 11.2.84 under the Presidentship of Sri S. K. Roy Chowdhury, Sri Gopijiban Banerjee (Ananda Bazar Patrika) spoke at length on Sri Aurobindo's Geeta and Philosophy. He explained the philosophies of the East and West and concluded how Sri Aurobindo proceeded without discarding any stage of human life.

The President Sri H.M. Barari, Prof. K.C. Paul and other guests participated in the discussion.

The Library Sub-Committee of the Centre decided that the name and style of its library be 'World Union Library'. Sri D.M. Sanyal, a patron, offered his 'garage-room' for use of the proposed library without rent.

Tamiluk: It organizes Study classes twice a week on Wednesday and Sunday. On Sunday in addition to Study Class, the members participate in discourses on selected subjects.

Uttarpara: In its 123rd and 124th monthly meetings held on 10th December 1983 and 14th January 1984 the subjects 'Living Spirit of World Union' and 'Swami Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo in the Light of World Union' were respectively discussed.

On 10.12.83—Sri Sushil Chakrabarty initiated the discussion and Sri N.K. Roy spoke at length on it.

On 10.1.84—Sri N.K. Roy initiated the discussion and Sri Amiya Majumder explained the harmony which underlies the great religious order of the world. Sri S K. Gupta summed up the discussion by quoting suitable lines from Sri Ramakrishna, Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo.

New Centre:

Kanamanapalli: This Centre was opened under the guidance and inspiration of Sri B. Krishnaswamy, Coordinator of World Union in the Southern Region, The Chairman is Sri S K. Sundaram and the Secretary & Treasurer is Sri V R Balasubaramanyam. The address of the Centre is: World Union Kanamanapalli Centre, Kanamanapalli B.O., P.O. KUPPAM 517425 (A P)



Deputy General Secretary
March 17, 1984



WORLD UNION

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WORLD UNION MUST BE A MOVEMENT FOR LOVE, PEACE AND ONENESS

It is not by social and political devices, or at any rate not by these, chiefly or only, that the unity of the human race can be enduringly or fruitfully accomplished.

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... there is a secret Spirit, a divine Reality, in which we are all one, that humanity is its highest present vehicle on earth, that the human race and the human being are the means by which it will progressively reveal itself here.

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There must be the realisation by the individual that only in the life of his fellow-men is his own life complete. There must be the realisation by the race that only on the free and full life of the individual can its own perfection and permanent happiness be founded.

From the writings of
Sri Aurobindo

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

World Union As A Movement:

To be and to continue as progressive, World Union must remain a movement and not become an institution. When a movement becomes an institution it ceases to grow and does not remain progressive.

Variety Of Movements With Higher Ideals:

There are several such movements around the world, though the number of persons involved in them are rather small. These movements are for the realisation of human unity, world peace, world unity, global civilisation, love, oneness, world government etc. or for the realisation of any one or more of them. But in order to be effective these movements must be based on spiritual foundation, and must treat each other complimentary and not rivals or jealous towards each other.

Campaign for World President:

Among the aforesaid movements for higher ideals there is one movement for the Campaign for World President. Mr. Garry Davis of Suite 1101, Continental Building, 1012, 14th Street N.W., Washington D.C. 20005 (USA), whom the undersigned had the pleasure and privilege of meeting in Basel, Switzerland in or about August 1974, has now stood as a World President Candidate. He is 63 years of age. In support of his Candidature he has circulated several papers. The undersigned has received papers from him, one of which could be very interesting reading. Therefore, we publish only one paper sent by Garry Davis. The paper reads:

When the Nazi bomb exploded on the captain's bridge of the U.S.S. Buck, where my brother Bud was relaying orders to the crew during the invasion of Salerno in 1942, it exploded symbolically on me too.

I was an 8th Air Force bomber pilot at the time and all I wanted was revenge. But after bombing German city after city, town after town, even villages, I began to wonder how many deaths (women and children included) it would take to avenge my brother's death. My desire for revenge quickly turned into revulsion.

It did take all those deaths finally to awaken me to the anguish, the futility and immortality of war.

I returned to Europe three years after the war ended. After Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It was like returning to the scene of the crime. Devastation and misery everywhere; millions of homeless and wounded. A public desperate for relief from the horrors of war. Children who never smiled or played but stared silently, I was stricken with remorse.

One day in May, 1948, I walked into the U.S. Embassy in Paris and renounced my nationality. I didn't want to be a party to the suicide of human civilization.

I declared myself a "citizen of the world."

It was a symbolic and, for many, a foolish act.

And yet. . .

Two years later, more than 750,000 individuals from over 150 countries had also declared themselves world citizens.

Five years later, on September 4, 1953, we declared our own world citizen government.

Today tens of thousands of people throughout the globe have pledged themselves to the World Government of World Citizens.

Our government began issuing its own symbolic passport in 1954.

Today, over 100,000 have been issued, over half to refugees and stateless persons. Six nations have recognized it legally and over seventy on a case-by-case basis including the United States and the Soviet Union.

You might say we nudged history.

When Idi Amin, then President of Uganda, threw out all the native-born Asians, an Indian woman gave birth to a baby at Kampala Airport while waiting for a BOAC plane to take her to London. The new-born of course had no passport and no birth certificate. The captain of the plane refused to take the baby aboard. The mother cabled me to Basel to issue a birth certificate. I typed out a symbolic World Birth Certificate on our World Government letterhead

stationery and air mailed it to Kampala Airport. It was immediately accepted by BOAC as an official document and then by British Immigration at Heathrow! Mother and child are doing fine!

In other words, the symbols work! maybe not all the time, but enough times to give us encouragement to continue the experiment, an experiment that has proven its worth by saving lives and offering freedom to many who found themselves in camps, behind prison bars, or more insidious, behind national bureaucratic "bars."

But another "symbol-become-political-reality", the 18th century nation-state, doesn't work any more.

Even as I am writing to you this evening, the cold winds of destructive forces that rule the nation states of the world are blowing their deadly breath over the Middle East, Central America, the Far East, and Africa.

Thirty-five national wars rage on in the world. Human beings are dying at the hands of other human beings each and every hour of the day in the name of nationalism.

The Doomsday Clock is at three minutes to midnight.

The recent horrors of a "Nuclear Winter" have been examined by both U.S. and Soviet scientists and support the theory that even a so-called limited use of nuclear weapons would block out the sun by the dust and debris of our cities and flesh. Life on earth would be frozen out.

The lead time between the launch of nuclear missiles and target is six minutes.

Six minutes! What could you do in six minutes. . . to live?

In view of this imminent and total crisis, I have decided to launch another global symbol.

I am running for world president (No national presidential candidate has any program for world peace.)

Who knows? It just might lead to the real world office.

And that might lead to a peaceful world

If that happens, we will not only have "nudged" history but helped continue it!

But I can't do it alone. I need your support.

The platform of my symbolic campaign—world peace through world law—is more imperative now than at any time since I became a citizen of the world in 1948. The problems that seemed theoretical in that almost innocent age have become the horrible realities of our present-day.

War has hundreds of millions of supporters . . . as exclusive national citizens! Millions and millions are prepared to sacrifice their lives for meaningless gestures of national pride and outdated ideologies

But where is the worldwide crusade for peace through law?

It doesn't exist . . . yet. But, incredibly, it does boil down to you and me. . . . joining together. After all, it's our world.

If not us, who? If not now, when?

We cannot afford to take the risk that because we did not donate a few hours of time or give enough money, that our world could be destroyed.

But even more frightening is the thought that we didn't have the brains, heart or plain

guts to make it on planet earth. In other words, if humanity dies, we would not have justified our own birth.

Edmund Burke wrote in 1795, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Support my symbolic campaign, therefore, for the office of World President.

I know how ludicrous this sounds.

It's as ludicrous as people like me declaring a world government which then boldly issues world passports which release people from jail.

The point is this. Just because the office of world president does not exist, is no reason not to create it through the elective process. (Willy Brandt declared his candidacy for European Parliament four years before it was finally formed!) The office of the president of the United States did not exist 200 years ago either.

"We have adjusted neither our thinking, our actions, nor our language to the realities of the nuclear age," wrote Harold Willems in *The Trimtab Factor*.

Our first task is to create the office (and the support institutions) that will give credibility and impetus to the embryonic government to which we now give our planetary allegiance.

But you must act now. I have already tossed my political hat into a global ring. Your donation is required to fund the campaign against the monstrous resources that are available to the pursuers of doom.

Over the years, my supporters have been among the thinkers of our time, people of vision who have shared my conviction of the goodness and strength of the individual.

Men like Albert Camus. Albert Einstein. Albert Schweitzer. Nataraja Guru.

These men played vital roles in the early days of my pursuit of a world government.

Today, the list of intellectual and cultural leaders is just as notable.

Yehudi Menuhin. Isaac Asimov. George Wald. The late Buckminster Fuller. Michio Kushi. Guru Nitya Chaitanya Yati.

Today, I am writing to you because I believe you should be added to this list of visionaries in that you too share the goals of Einstein, Schweitzer, Asimov and Fuller, Menuhin and Kushi.

Here then are two ways you can help.

Back me in this Campaign For World President with your check.*

I will send you an autographed copy of my first book, *My Country Is the World*, I will also send you our five basic world government documents: *The Ellsworth Declaration*, *The Memorandum on World Government*, *The 1978 Position Paper*, *The Writ for Certiorari to Supreme Court* (my legal case with INS), and *Who owns The World?*. And you will receive periodic newsletters on the campaign.

Secondly, please sign the petition that indicates your support for my candidacy for world office. Your affirmation is necessary to gain the respect of my political peers and oblige them to acknowledge our presence as a force to be reckoned with. (Of course, I would be delighted if you cared to write a personal endorsement.)

Your signature will force them to address the questions we are raising that they are afraid to answer. We *must* put the issue of human survival in meaningful *political* terms into the forefront of the media.

These two steps will allow you to make a catalytic difference in the direction the world is travelling. *The difference between life and death.*

So please, **PLEASE**, mail your donation and petition to me TODAY, Make your check out to **CAMPAIGN FOR WORLD PRESIDENT**. I enclose a self-addressed envelope.

I thank you in the name of the citizens of the world.
And for Bud.

Report Of Celebrations Sent By Chuni Lal Goswami:

Sri Ma-Sinthe World Union Centre celebrated its 3rd anniversary and "Sri-Ma" Centre celebrated its 9th anniversary jointly on 26th February 1984 at 9:30 A.M. at 403 R.N. Tagore Road, Calcutta-77. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mukul Gopal Mukherjee, Judge of the Calcutta High Court, presided. After reading the messages for the function from Sri Aurobindo Ashram and Sri A.B. Patel, Vedic Hymns were recited by Sri Chuni Lal followed by a mass meditation for two minutes. Thereafter members present paid their homage to Maharshi Nolini Kanto Gupta when Sri Chuni Lal recited his poem on his Life and Sadhana. Several songs were sung and thereafter Justice Mukherjee spoke in brief commenting 'Work Done In The True Spirit Is Also Yoga' and Sri Suhrit Gopal Dutta and others spoke on the ideals of Sadhana and world unity.

Zonal Seminar Of World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal:

Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Chairman of the Regional Centre, has sent the report of the Seminar on National Integration and International Integration held on 25-3-84 at Bipra Tikuri High School, near Shantiniketan.

The Seminar commenced at 8 AM with a song by Miss Aparna Daw and mass meditation, after which Dr. Basanti Chowdhury delivered her inaugural address under the Chairmanship of Sri Nishinath Sen when welcome address was delivered by Sri Amulya Ratan Mukhopadhyay and introductory lecture by the Guest-in-Chief Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee. After that the Secretary of the Regional Centre, Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya, read out messages from Sri A.B. Patel, Sri Jatin Chakrabarti (Minister, Govt. of West Bengal), Sri Bhabani Mukherjee (Minister, Govt. of West Bengal), Dr. Pratap Chandra, Dr. Usha Ranjan Chakraborty of North Bengal University and Sri Pijush Mukherjee of Head Masters Association. Sri P.P. Bhattacharya introduced the delegates from 13 Centres.

The Seminar commenced again at 2 PM when Dr. Rabindranath Maity was in the Chair and Sri Kishan Chatterjee, as the Guest-in-Chief, when several sympathisers of the Seminar participated. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya summarised the deliberations.



General Secretary
April 18, 1984

MEMBERS' PAGE

In response to our call Sri Nabendu Mustafi of North Calcutta Centre furnished us with a well thought paper on 'Programme of World Union'.

He suggested so many projects of which one is to undertake "Forum for World Peace" which we have already started under the auspices of Sardar Patel University. World Union Baroda Centre has taken keen interest in the matter and written to all the Universities in India requesting them to start the project. Sri Mustafi also emphasised that self-preparation of individual member is a necessity, so he suggested that Centres may make arrangements for 'Swadhaya and Meditation' and that they are also expected to observe a few auspicious days like birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother and other great men and spiritual leaders of the world on which occasion they may distribute copies of books and/or other literature published by themselves in their own regional languages to make the people know *'the need of the hour.'*

He also suggested to organise 'Task Group' centrally. But this is not practically possible at the present moment. The other projects stated above may be taken up by the Centres which if sincerely implemented, may help the purpose of our Movement.

DIALOGUE (21)

MAN'S PRESENT PREDICAMENT: Reasons for—

Journalist: 'Am so happy that you consented to cooperate with us in our scheme of assessing the reasons for man's present predicament. As you know the purpose of our scheme is to collect the views of persons of different walks of life on the question—What are the reasons for man's present predicament? Then we are to prepare a categorical statistics of the views so collected for our readers. You have been in the teaching profession for the last forty years. Now you are the Principal of a very reputed College of this metropolis. What is your opinion? Who are responsible for man's present predicament?

Principal: Man himself is responsible and no one else. For a few centuries man has been seen so busy with the development of outer world that he forgot to develop his own inner world; or rather he neglected it. As a result man has become a slave of his passion. He has created, perhaps unknowingly, this intolerable precarious situation and entangled himself in it. It is a pity that man is not well aware of the fact

that without an inner change he cannot cope with the gigantic development of his outer life.

Journalist: Then why was he not made aware of it? In this respect, we think, the novelists, the dramatists, the poets and the painters have had very responsible role to play. What do you think?

Principal: Yes, I do agree with you. Here we see that from the beginning of the present century the novelists, the dramatists, the poets and the painters have been experimenting new techniques based on an utterly new philosophy of existence. They have been groping for light, but light remains far off from them; and therefore they fail to place before their readers the Truth of man's potentiality. Their philosophy is based on man's actualities that is to say outer activities and their results.

Journalist: How do you arrive at this conclusion?

Principal: Because their philosophy of existence says,—Man is alone and abandoned on earth; but in reality we are not left alone in a closed scheme. All things here are wrapped in the dynamic ONE. Besides, they have no clear conception of this *creation*. Perhaps they believe that a blind Force and not Truth has made this ignorant world; a blind Force and not Truth orders the lives of men. But in reality, this world of ours was built up by a conscious power and not by a blind force. A conscious power and not the blind force is the architect of man's destiny. Hence their contributions, however new thing they may be, are of no help to their readers in developing their inner life. On the contrary they are becoming frustrated and cynic.

Journalist: But so far as we know the literateurs and the artists of the present day think more subjectively than their predecessors.

Principal: That is what may be called Neo-Subjectivism, if you are unwilling to call it—false or pseudo subjectivism.

Journalist: Then who else would help them?

Principal: That is altogether a separate issue and not a subject of your present investigation. However, I am quite confident that unless and until each individual endeavours to bring about an inner change there is little chance to get rid of the present predicament.

From a Member's Diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Beliaghata: The 14th monthly meeting of the Centre was held on 18th March 1984 when Sri Kartik Sur presided. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Chief-Guest spoke on the significance of 21st February, 29th February and 29th March and stated that The Mother and Sri Aurobindo worked jointly for the transformation of Earth. The synthesis of work, knowledge and devotion—in our day to day life is the right path to effectuate what is meant by 'All life is Yoga'.

Sri Subodh Maitra, the Guest Speaker discussed the distinction between outer life and inner life. A few members from New Alipur Centre were present.

Domjur: In its monthly meeting held on 1st April 1984 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained why Sri Aurobindo is different from other *Mahapurushas* ever taken birth in this earth. Sri Aloke Bandopadhyay read out certain portion from 'KE AEI MA' in Bengali.

Khar: It arranged on 15th and 16th February for Sri Rohit Mehta's talk on Sri Aurobindo and the Bhagvat Gita at Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan. It was attended by members of World Union and Theosophical Society.

In collaboration with Sri Aurobindo Society it conducted seven days' Savitri Gnyansatra (Sri Aurobindo's epic) at Gita Mandir Hall, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan from 22nd to 28th September 1983, when Principal Ashim Kapadia of Commerce College, Broach, delivered the lecture. Two hundred members attended the lectures which were inspiring and illumining.

(NB: We are sorry that by an oversight the above report was filed and not published in January 1984 Focus. We are thankful to Sri N.S. Amin who kindly pointed out this lapse on our part.)

New Alipur: In its monthly meeting held on 5th April 1984 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee informed the members of the subjects discussed in the Seminars organised by 'Auro Darshan' at Hyderabad. He indicated that the essence of the discussion was to raise our Centre of living to a higher level of consciousness. Smt. Mira Mukherjee read out her paper on the role of Sister Nivedita in Sri Aurobindo's political life. The significance of the 4th April was also explained by Dr. Mukherjee as the starting day of Sri Aurobindo's intensive Sadhana for supramental descent for the transformation of earth nature.

North Calcutta: In its 119th monthly meeting held on 20th February 1984 the Secretary Sri Sujit Kumar Palit in his talk paid a respectful and befitting homage to

Nolinida who passed away on 7th February 1984. Sri Palit briefly narrated the life and Sadhana of Nolinida, how he had come in contact with Sri Aurobindo in his early youth and subsequently how he dedicated his whole life to Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.

Sri Gour Mohon Chatterjee read out a Bengali prose-piece of Nolinida. On behalf of all the members the Secretary offered flowers with pranams to Nolinida.

On the 20th March 1984 it held its 120th monthly meeting. Sri Sujit Palit read out a prose-piece of Nolinida - Yoga of Nature (in Bengali) with suitable explanatory notes. Smt Ranjana Sarkar and Gayatri Nang offered devotional songs.

Rishra: It held its monthly meeting on the 15th February 1984 when Sri K.P. Dutta (Chairman) and Sri Deb Kumar Das (Vice-Chairman) spoke briefly on the life and activities of Sri Nolini Kanta Gupta. Thereafter, all the members solemnly paid their homage to the departed soul of Nolinida who passed away on the 7th February 1984.

In its monthly meeting held on the 21st March 1984 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on 'The Mother's Appearance on this Earth and the Golden Day (29th February)'. Sri K.P. Dutta presided.

Salt Lake: In its 33rd monthly meeting held on 10.3.84 the members of the Centre condoled the passing away of Nolinida and solemnly paid homage to the departed soul. Thereafter an analytical discussion was held on World Unity in the context of one's inner urge. The Secretary of the Centre narrated her wonderful experience in attending the Seminar organised by Auro Darshan at Hyderabad. As decided earlier the Centre started 'World Union Library'. Sri Abani Mohon Kushary (Retired I. A. S.), the Chief Guest inaugurated it in a solemn atmosphere when Sri Ananda chanted Vedic hymns. Smt. Anjali Roy read out her report. Sri P.P. Bhattacharya Chairman, World Union Regional Centre, W. Bengal, and Sri S.K. Roy Chowdhury spoke of the necessity of running the library and how to maintain it.

Sri R.K. De, President of the function summed up the speeches and advised that all concerned should always keep in mind the purpose for which the library is set up.

New Centres:

Hyderabad: The Chairman is Prof. V. Narayan Karan Reddy and the Secretary Sri K. Raghavan. The address of the Centre is: World Union Hyderabad Centre, 3-6-272/5 Himayat Nagar, HYDERABAD 500009 (A.P.)

Students' Centre: The Secretary of this Centre is Sri S. Sunder and the address of the Centre is: World Union Students' Centre, No. 3, 4th Main Street, Telepost Colony, West Mam Balam, MADRAS 600033.

Vijaynagar: The Secretary of this Centre is Sri M.V. Parthasarathy and the address of the Centre is: World Union Vijaynagar Centre, 51/35/1, 21st Cross, 4th Main, Maranahalli, Vijaynagar, BANGALORE 560040

Some named Centres were opened under the inspiration and guidance of Sri B. Krishnaswamy, Coordinator of World Union in the Southern Region.



Deputy General Secretary
April 18, 1984

The world knows three kinds of revolution. The material has strong results, the moral and Intellectual are infinitely larger in their scope and richer in their fruits, but the spiritual are the great sowings.

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If the triple change could co-inside in a perfect correspondence a faultless work would be done; but the mind and body of mankind cannot hold perfectly a strong spiritual inrush: Most is split, much of the rest is corrupted. Many intellectual and physical upturnings of our soil are needed to work out a little results from a large spiritual sowing.

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THE TEACHER IN THE NEXT CENTURY

In order that Special Institutions of value-oriented education can function, consistent with futuristic creative principles of educational philosophy, educational psychology and vitalised, reoriented techniques of teaching, it will be necessary that teachers for these Special Institutions should receive a new type of special training which inter-alia would embody ethical and spiritual concepts.

Prof. Jal Jehangir Nanavaty

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

The Teacher in the 21st century
by Prof. Jal Jehangir Nanavaty:

Prior to the setting of the two National Commissions on Teachers by the Government of India, an Informal group on Education for values was constituted by the Ministry of Education. This group held about ten meetings. It was presided over by Shri Kireet Joshi, Educational Adviser and Special Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

During the deliberations, many useful and far-reaching ideas embodying pragmatic idealism on teacher education were discussed threadbare. In this context, the writer of this paper submitted a paper (copy not printed) entitled "Suggestions regarding the incorporation of some feasible concepts of integral Education in the Syllabus to be introduced in the proposed Teacher Education Institute."

In this paper, a meaningful linkage is sought to be established between the findings of the working Group and the large volume of opinions, thoughts and aspirations which emanated from the participants, who were mainly teachers and their representatives at the various seminars held by the National Commission-I. Not only were these seminars held successively in Delhi, Hyderabad, Calcutta, Lucknow, Bombay, Gauhati and Shillong, which the Commission visited from time to time, patronised by the teaching community, but eminent educationists and even parents and guardians interested in the moral and material welfare of teachers evinced a considerable measure of interest. The consensus of opinion as far as these people, who represented at least a cross-section of public thought and opinion tended to high light

(a) the efficiency of teachers, (b) their moral excellence, (c) their devotion to duty, (d) their interest in co-and extra curricular activities. Many of them felt that, by and large, teachers in general lacked these qualities. Some of them rightly pointed out that the activities of the teachers of today and of tomorrow should not be confined to the four walls of the class rooms. They should, in addition, enlighten the community outside the school and also participate in literacy activities. All these are fruitful, constructive ideas and are pointers to the future.

However, neither these exponents of public thought and opinion nor the members of the teaching community (most of whom seemed to over-emphasise their professional advancements and financial emoluments) referred to the inculcation of values forming an integral part of a reoriented and revised teacher education programme.

The 21st century is round the corner. Our teachers of the future must be reoriented and re-educated on futuristic patterns. Moral education did figure in the deliberations of the National Commission on Teachers on several occasions and at several places. But, whereas, on the one hand, the value and importance of moral education, in a rapidly changing world wherein Science, Technology and space-research with its blue print of a planetary civilisation almost ready for execution, were fully realised, hardly anybody pointed out in a forceful manner that moral education, without spiritual overtones and a deep inward look into the human heart, as well as a synthetic and wholistic approach to human knowledge and culture can ever be successfully incorporated in the existing pattern of education in India.

As the present century is coming to its close, it is increasingly realised by world renowned thinkers, who are optimistic futurologists by conviction and temperament that nationalism is not enough. In fact, nationalism by itself would lead to isolationism and narrow patriotism, unless it develops positive overtones of internationalism. Nearly all countries of the world, including India, are on the march towards the realisation of One World and One Parliament.

The teachers of tomorrow can play an important role in the eventual realisation of this world fraternity. Radhakrishnan envisaged it in his thought provoking book 'Religion in a Changing World'. Assagioli in Italy and Oliver Reisler in America have emphatically proclaimed that antiquated notions of meta-physics and science are as dead as the proverbial door-nail.

Aurobindo's towering spiritual personality has out-topped these geniuses by presenting a concrete scheme of education, whose sole objective ultimately is the transformation of humanity. It is a methodical blue print of a system of education, which points out, on the one hand, the inadequacies of the present-day erudite pattern of teacher education and on the other, attempts to make the education and educand look inwards. It is based on the conviction that education must offer the tools whereby "one can live for the country, for oneself, for others and for the Divine".

The inadequacies of the present day erudite pattern of teacher education referred to above, and also mentioned in passing on page 7 of the paper (not printed), high light, to a considerable extent, the innovations in modern educational, psychology and methodology. These "break through" novelties have their own usefulness. They are eye-openers, and so, cannot be ignored. But they are peripheral. They create an impact on the intellect, but they totally fail to illumine the emotions. As mentioned by the writer of this paper on page 7 of the

paper (not printed), there is hardly any scope for the student teacher to look inward. Our inner "instruments", which are potentially the vital constituents of the inner man in us, remain unperfected. Imagine a beautiful gold watch whose externals are in perfect shape and order but its internal cog-wheels all blunt and out of order. Of what use would such a watch be?

Such, by and large, is the state of human consciousness today. The different levels of human consciousness are in a mess! They are all mixed up, and so, they need stream lining.

Modern Department Psychologists and Psycho-analysts declare that most men all over the world particularly in the West and these days, not infrequently, in Asia and also in the Far and Middle East, suffer from varying degrees of neurosis and even schizophrenic stress, tension, conflict and many other foras of restlessness which make, in a large number of cases, the sleeping pill an inevitable anodyne.

What is the remedy? Let us hear Billy Graham, the well-known spiritual writer of America. "Many thoughtful Americans are disturbed because as a nation we seem bereft of a sense of purpose. . . . We have tried to fill ourselves with Science and education, with better living and pleasure, with the many other things we thought we wanted, but we are still empty and bored. . . . We are confused by the prejudice, hatred, greed and lust that are within us. We seem to be caught helpless in quick sand. . . . The American genius has enabled us to change virtually everything but ourselves. It is absolutely impossible to change society, and reverse the moral trend unless we ourselves are changed from the inside out."

The derivation of the word 'education' yields something very substantial despite some writers like Adams and Nuan thinking that it reveals only a modicum of truth. In the Latin dictionary we find two words "EDUCARE" and "EDUCERE". Both the words are significant. "EDUCARE" means "to lead out", and "EDUCERE" means something deeper, something more spiritually meaningful. It has several meanings "to educate", "to bring up", "to elevate". It is the latter that has a great bearing on Integral Education, *some of whose principles must form the basis of the Teacher education of tomorrow.*

Let us consider the first word—"EDUCARE", meaning "to lead out". This has an important bearing on the "inner potential" in child and man.

Ever since the Middle Ages, this inner potential, which is virtually the region of the "the psychic" in man has been suppressed and throttled, although we must admit that a considerable amount of research work in the field of theory and practice of education has been carried out during the course of the present century, resulting in the emergence of paidocentrism. This doctrine is based on the conviction that the educator's first and foremost task is to make the child happy. Further, he must make sure that he is happy. So, "paido-centric education" is "Child-centered" education. This "break through" in education, despite the fact that it destroys the old medieval concept of education—rigid and verbosity-oriented based on the Latinistic tradition, with its emphasis on the mythical theory of transfer of training, proclaiming in no uncertain terms that he, who could master Latin and Greek could not only master any "subject" under the sun, but would lead a life of glory and success, could not reach "the inner child". His intellect could be sharpened. The "break through" could make him erudite and at times, even pedantic and priggish. But his emotions, which have an innate capacity to transcend his Intellect, remain unperfected.

Let us now consider the second word —“EDUCERE”, meaning, amongst other things, “to elevate”. If education fails to elevate or uplift the educand it cannot fulfil its basic function. Those of us, who have a drab practical outlook may smile wryly and say that the only function of education is to enable the educand to gain knowledge — knowledge, which, at best would enable him to earn his living and function as a good citizen.

Such a truncated vision is entirely inconsistent with the moral and spiritual crisis, which, today, is a global phenomenon. Knowledge without wisdom and vision, knowledge that does not uplift and elevate man would not enable him and his fellows “to walk together, to eat together, and live together in peace and amity” as the Vedas prophesied. It would not help him to build a world fraternity as Radha Krishnan envisioned. So, it is a serious error to think that the derivation of ‘education’ does not take us very far. It does take us very far and the Ancient Indian Rishis, who could see not just as far as the human eye could see, but even beyond, had no misgivings about it.

Modern psychology, which is the basis of modern educational psychology, has made considerable progress and as a positive science has made substantial contribution to education. Psychologists in our times, especially, educational psychologists, are inclined to think that modern educational psychology has succeeded in providing “the long sought scientific basis of education”. Professor James Dravot, an authority, also emphasises “this long sought scientific basis of education”, but he does not go beyond the fundamental hypothesis of a mind, which he and most other Western psychologists think is an ~~overall~~ **overall** entity controlling human behaviour. Only, the American psychologist and pioneer of the doctrine of pragmatism broke all chains and endeavoured valiantly to scale spiritual peaks when he contended with conviction that there “exists an integrating and organising force which looks very much like the soul”.

Mind, according to ancient Indian educational thought belongs to the domain of matter, which is lower Prakriti. The higher Prakriti is the soul, and it is the soul — the psychic level — that integral education seeks to enkindle. It is there, in every one of us. Like a candle, it is burning—eternally burning. But man, practically, all over the world today is suffering from “a stange disease of modern life with its sick hurry and divided aims”. (Mathew Arnold)

It is really strange — in fact, it is a matter of deep regret — that teacher education programmes nearly everywhere minimise the importance of the two vital connotations of education (1) the leading or drawing out proceed and (2) the uplifting or elevating process. In theory, teacher-educands are urged to make a sincere effort to draw or lead out the inner potential of the child. But how many do that? They are also told to uplift or elevate their pupils through inspirational teaching. And how many do that?

I have therefore, pleaded in my paper (copy not printed) that that time has come when we should introduce vital but far-reaching changes in the existing pattern of our teacher education programmes. At the same time we must not be ruthless iconoclasts. Our motto should be “festina lente” hasten slowly. As noted earlier in this paper, the innovations in modern educational psychology and methodology have their own usefulness, even, though they are peripheral. In the final analysis, they are eye-openers. They have definitely destroyed the medieval artificiality and verbosity of earlier times. Therefore, they can not be scuttled away thoughtlessly. However, to begin with a niche should be made available in the existing pat-

tern of teacher education for introducing a few feasible concepts of Integral Education.

Unless our teachers in the immediate future do not themselves undergo the illuminating process of developing their physical level, of fulfilling or beautifying their vital level and giving expression to their mental level through creative activities, they will not be in a position to achieve a breakthrough in their day to day work, which in a large number of cases is stereotyped and soul-deadening because the tools of knowledge, as emphatically stated earlier in this paper remain unperfected.

The new techniques, embodying various activities such as a new type of physical education, meditation leading to the silencing of the mind, production of soul-stirring dramas etc. are elaborately explained in my paper (not printed).

Lastly, an important suggestion must be made. It is being made to exalt the moral and spiritual status of teachers so that they can, in future, occupy a unique position in society.

As far back as the nineteenth century, Swami Dayanand had suggested the Constitution of a Grand Vidya Sabha consisting only of experienced teachers. It was designed to be an advisory body of great importance. Its objectives were to promote the professional excellence of the teaching fraternity.

We should take inspiration from this proposal made in the last century. We should have a permanent Grand Vidya Sabha consisting of experienced educationists at the centre. Such a body must make its weight felt. It will, amongst other things, not ignore the material welfare of teachers. But its main purpose will be to promote professional excellence and encourage innovational activities amongst teachers.

Also in each state in the country there should be smaller Vidya Sabhas, which fill function as federating units of the Grand Central Vidya Sabha. Experienced teachers and educationists will be its members by rotation. Their functions would be of an advisory nature, though a considerable measure of autonomy may be given to them at the same time.

These Vidya Sabhas, at the Centre and at the State level, will transform education in this country provided, its members work zealously in a spirit of devotion and dedication.

When the National Commission on Teachers—I visited Shillong and called on the Governor of Meghalaya, His Excellency, during the course of his speech, made a very relevant and significant remark. He said that the time had come when our existing pattern of education should have deep overtones of spirituality. The obvious corollary, he added was that we should radically reorganise teacher-education programmes so as to make room for the development of the inner man in our teachers of the future. These remarks were not only inspiring, but they also anticipate a new global educational trend.

World Constitution and Parliament Association West Bengal Local Chapter:

The Seminar on "Sri Aurobindo, Einstein and the World State", was held on 21st April 1984 at 23 Nirmal Chunder Street, Calcutta-12, when Dr. P.C. Chunder presided. The report of the Seminar was sent to us for publication. The Jt. Secretary of the Local Chapter read out the messages sent by Sri A.B. Patel and Sri Samar Basu for the occasion.

Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Chairman of World Union Regional Centre, West

Bengal, began his speech by paying tribute to Rishi Bankimchandra, Sri Aurobindo and Mahatma Gandhi who had similarities in their vision of One World. He reminded of the responsibilities of the people of India in the creation of a New World. After stating five dreams of Sri Aurobindo, he gave an outline of the Ashram and Auroville. He analysed the history of mankind and showed that Sri Aurobindo's views of human unity should be the only solution of the crisis the world is passing through at present.

Prof. Subodh Moitra, in his speech, pointed out that scientists, in general, look at the problems from a different viewpoint than others; their approach is universal. Referring to the recent developments of science, he showed the remarkable closeness of the scientific findings with the Indian spiritual thoughts. He proved how the pressure of transcendent culture is leading the scientists to the concept of human unity and One World. He mentioned about Einstein's views on the possibility of World State.

Dr. Arun Sil discussed in details about matter, energy, science and spiritualism. He identified some striking resemblance of ancient Indian spiritual concepts with Modern scientific inventions (e.g. 'Chit-Kon' with Electron).

Prof. K.C. Pal, Sri S. Moitra and Sri G.M. Chatterjee participated in the open discussion.

Dr. Pratap Chandra Chunder, in his presidential address, explained how mankind has been passing through different stages towards some directed destination. He said that the concept of 'One World' has its origin in humanity. To reach an ideal state, it is necessary to move step by step. He showed that the developments of human history in recent past is an indication of such a movement. In his opinion, W.C.P.A. movement is probably another step forward to cope with the present situation of the world. In this context, he gave some examples of man's failure in achieving ideal in reality. But the progress is inevitable.

Mrs. Ranjana Mitra, while proposing the vote of thanks, mentioned about the immense values of such discussions that took place in the evening.



General Secretary
May 16, 1984

MEMBERS' PAGE

In appreciating the views put forth by Sri Dharani Kanto Bhattacharya, Chairman, Alam-bazar Centre—published in this Page of April 1984 issue, Sri Prabhakar, Secretary, Sultanpur Centre (U.P.) indicates that silencing of mind indeed means victory over minds' constant clamourings for the fulfilment of our life's selfish pursuits or at the best, satisfaction of social, regional and national interests. The concept of 'ONENESS OF LIFE' its effectuation — is held at bay. Work which widens our mental outlook and bring about a victory of 'HEART' over 'MIND' is to be taken up. 'Service' over 'Self' which connotes real work in action, is a natural corollary of a 'Silenced Mind'.

Sri D.K. Bhattacharya, in reply to the questions raised on the issue (vide this PAGE' of April 1984) explains that when a man works without desire he rises above the dual of joy and grief. According to the Geeta—work done to the perfection is verily yoga. So, if a man offers the result of his 'Karma' to the Divine, he gradually forgets his separate identity or in other words he realises "Oneness with the Divine".

From the above two comments it is now clear that the workers of World Union are to develop an attitude of Service and perform all work to perfection as Karma Yoga' if he intends to realise "Oneness" through work. No further discussion seems to be necessary on this issue.

Now we are to draw out programme of work based on Pragmatic Spirituality for the Centres to follow. We will also examine how one may become "Practical Vedantin" as envisaged by Swami Vivekananda. Members are requested to offer their suggestions.

DIALOGUE (22)

VICIOUS CIRCLE AND HOW TO GET RID OF IT I

(In an office-canteen two friends Ramesh and Tapas working in different sections were discussing.)

Ramesh: What happened with you Tapas? You look very depressed and sullen.

Tapas : Just now I once again received back the application sent by my sister-in-law, widow of my elder brother, from the office of the Accountant General to whom she applied for granting pay order so that she may receive her husband's Provident Fund whatever balance he had in that account at the time of his immature death.

Ramesh: Why did they return it? When did she submit it?

Tapas : It was submitted perhaps more than one and a half year ago. It was first returned after three or four months, stating that the application was not made in proper form. And she resubmitted it in prescribed form some seven or eight months ago. Now it has been returned once again, stating that Nominee's attested signature was not recorded.

Ramesh: Don't worry. I'll see to it. I know the crooked way very well and am sure that is the only way to reach the goal in no time. They, from top to bottom expect some *puja* and when you offer it everything is all right. Otherwise they would have intimated these irregularities long ago instead of keeping the case unsettled for years together. The whole administration runs in this way. Corruption everywhere and you do not know how to get rid of it. They say its a vicious circle and you will not find out anyone who has not been entangled in it.

Tapas : But before coming to power, the present ruling party took oath before the people that their first duty would be to make the administration clean. But now what they are doing? I know the way, but why should we follow that dark and unhealthy path?

Ramesh: Because there is no other way. This is the case with all the parties; when they come to power they become the victims of this vicious circle -- as they say. They are helpless, they can not bring about a change in the administration though they sincerely wish it. Do you know the reason?

Tapas : Not exactly.

Rsmesh: The reason for this utter disgrace does not lie anywhere within the four walls of the Secretariat but with the persons who enter into it with power. These persons— leaders and cadres of different political parties, have never tried to change themselves yet they believe that they have got the power to bring about a change in the administration. And now it is proved that they are utterly helpless. They must change themselves first if they sincerely wish to change the administration.

Tapas : But it is a pity that they will never do that and that is why peoples begin to believe that the days of politics have gone.

From a Member's Diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Beliaghata: It held its 15th monthly meeting on April 14, 1984 with The Mother's tape-recorded music when Sri Gautam Kumar Roy presided. Sri P.P. Bhattacharya, Chairman, Regional Centre, West Bengal - the Chief Guest emphasised that it was when there could be organised a good number of Auroville in different parts of the world that the real World Union would be formed and thereby the fourth and fifth dreams of Sri Aurobindo would be effectuated.

Sri Basudev Bhattacharya, Secretary, Regional Centre, West Bengal, the Guest Speaker indicated in his short speech that the World Union Centres should function as a unit of one integrated whole. He suggested that different cottage industries might be started by the Local Centres, the products of which could be exchanged among themselves and sales could be organised during Regional Conferences. Health, economic and social problems of the members might be tackled unitedly.

Sri D.K. Bhattacharya, Chairman, Alambazar Centre the other Guest Speaker stated that Sri Aurobindo retired from politics to open a way for building a new world of self-less societies where the individuals would be ruled by its soul and not by any outside institution. Members of Bon-Hooghly Centre also attended the meeting.

Bhowanipur: In its monthly meeting held on 12th April, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed the subjects dealt with in the Seminar held at Hyderabad by Auro Darshan and stated that Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga was the basis of all discussions.

Bon-Hooghly: It organised a special gathering on 22nd April 1984 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya. Sri P.P. Bhattacharya was the Chief Guest. The members observed three minutes silence to pay homage to the departed soul of Sarupananda Paramhansadev, the founder of Ajachak Ashram. A few members of Baranagar, Alambazar, Calcutta North Suburban, Nandannagar and Sri Aurobindo Aikya Sadhan Kendra were present. Several members discussed the subject 'DARSHAN DAY'.

Calcutta: -In its meeting held on 18th February 1984 under the Chairmanship of Sri Jitendra Nath Datta, the Secretary Sri L.N. Dutta explained at length the object and purpose of World Union Movement towards the attainment of World Peace and Human Unity based on spiritual brotherhood as propounded by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. The members were also informed that 40 delegates were attending the Hyderabad Seminar including Sri L.N. Dutta and Sri J.C. Saha who submitted papers on "Spiritualism Vs. Utilitarianism" and

"Library and International Society" respectively under the theme of 'The Next Millennium: Towards a Civilisation of New Consciousness'.

Chaibasa: The members celebrated 24th April by holding a public meeting Rabindra Bhavan on 26.4.84 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Coordinator, Eastern Region indicated that the aim of Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana was to hasten the descent of the Divine for the transformation of the earth life.

Chakradharpur: The members of the Centre with the members of Sri Aurobindo Society paid homage to Nolinida on the 18th February 1984.

On 21st February 1984 they observed The Mother's Jayanti with Special programme of Sishu Chakra. Sri K. B. Ghose, Chairman of the Centre spoke on the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. The ladies Wing of the Centre, observed solemnly the first anniversary of its formation.

Chandernagore: It held its monthly meetings regularly under the Chairmanship of Sri P.C. Mukherjee in which Prof. B. Mondol, Dr. B.N. Baral, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, discussed subjects like 'Sri Aurobindo and Supermind', 'Significance of Sri Aurobindo', 'I was never, never a Philosopher', 'World Union Movement and its actions during Silver Jubilee Year', 'The next Millennium towards a Civilisation of New Consciousness' etc.

The members also paid homage to Nolinida on his passing away on 7-2-84. They celebrated the Silver Jubilee of World Union solemnly on 29-1-84 and 18-3-84.

New Alipur: In its monthly meeting held on 3.5.84 with the reading from 'Savitri' by Smt. Paula Sen. Smt. Mira Mukherjee narrated the important incidents in the life of Sri Champaklal from when he was a student till he settled down in Pondicherry. He was an ardent devotee and disciple of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee read out a portion of Sri Aurobindo's letter to Barin Ghosh where he mentioned the object of his Sadhana. In that letter Sri Aurobindo pointed out that the Indians specially the Bengalees, had forgotten their great spiritual heritage and instead of doing Sadhana for Knowledge and Power they were busy in emotional excitement, conflicts and jealousy.

Nandannagar: It held its 8th monthly meeting and cultural function on March 4th 1984 under the Presidentship of Smt. Sikha Dutta. Sri Kalipada Datta was the Guest-in-Chief. The members discussed the teachings and ideals of The Mother, Sri Aurobindo, Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda.

North Calcutta: In its 121st meeting held on 20.4.84 a video cassette of Sri Nolini Kanto Gupta was televised. The Secretary of the Centre briefly stated about the film after group concentration and chanting of hymns and devotional songs, in a very solemn and serene atmosphere.

On 15th April 1984 members of 'Gitanjali', a cultural troupe of North Calcutta organised

a function to felicitate Sri Sailaja Ranjan Majumder, one of the senior-most exponent of Tagore's songs.

Raghunathpur: It held its monthly meeting on 4-2-84 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on the significance of the 29th February 1956. "We should remember the day as the DAY of Descent of the Golden Light", he indicates Dr. Mukherjee also suggested that 21st February is The Mother's birthday and the day should be observed as the '*Day of Peace*'. According to his suggestion a programme of work was drawn up.

Sultanpur: The members celebrated 21st February in a befitting manner on 21-2-84. Dr. R.S. Tiwari was the Chief Guest. In his short introductory speech the Secretary of the Centre narrated briefly the life and Sadhana of The Mother and indicated that on Her first meeting with Sri Aurobindo, The Mother realised that – "without him I exist not, without me he is unmanifest." he also realised the purpose of Her taking birth and the work She would have to do with Sri Aurobindo.

Then Sarva Sri S. M. Ojha, M. K. Sahi, R. B. Singh, R. K. Jaiswal and Dr. D. C. Banik spoke on the significance of the occasion.

The Chief Guest in his short address indicated that 'divinity lies dormant in every heart and the same needs manifestation through human action for the dawn of a 'New Age'.

The members held its 6th meeting on 25. 4. 84 when Dr. D. C. Banik presided. The Secretary of the Centre gave an account of the 'Four Globalisms in Action'—as enunciated by Mr. Robert Muller in his address to the U. S. Symposium, sponsored by UNITAR and Planetary Citizens in December 1978, in which Mr. Muller emphasised that "these globalisms may well facilitate disarmament and perhaps render armaments altogether irrelevant in the decades to come."

Salt Lake: In its 34th monthly meeting held on 14. 4. 84 under the Chairmanship of Sri R. K. De the members observed very encouragingly and delightfully the Bengali New Year's Day and form the Managing Committee of its newly set up Library.

The Chairman spoke about the significance of the 'New Year' in the Light of Sri Aurobindo and Rabindranath. The Secretary recited from Savitri (Bengali) and read out some messages of The Mother significantly befitting to the occasion. She also read out Rabindranath's famous article 'Navabarsha' (New Year). Then a few local artists offered Rabindra Sangeet and a recital from Rabindranath.

Sri Ma-Sinhi: The members observed Sir A.B. Patel's birth anniversary day on 1.5.84. On 8th May 1984 they also celebrated Rabindra Jayanti under the Presidentship of Sri S.R. Pandit, when Sir Gour Bhaduri and Sri Chunilal Goswami discussed 'Rabindra Sangeet and Sri Aurobindo's appreciation and Criticism'. The celebration was attended by distinguished persons like Prof. Purnananda Mukherjee, Ex. Principal, Royal College, Bhutan, Sri Ratneswar Roy, Sri B. Sengupta, Sri Bilvadal Bhattacharya participated in the discussion. Sri Gour Bhaduri and Smt. Sobha Goswami offered songs.

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Deputy General Secretary
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NOTE:

ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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WORLD UNION

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LIBERAL DONATIONS BY SOME OF THE LIFE MEMBERS OF WORLD UNION

The price of peace is caring—about everyone in the world, and sharing what we nations and people have and what we need. The price is community planning for right use of resources, recycling of wastes, protecting the waters and food-producing potential of the planet.

From a paper of the
Planetary Citizens

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Liberal donations received by World Union:

We tender our apology to all concerned that we overlooked the fact that we are passing through a period of 'One Earth, One Humanity, One Destiny' and World Union must continue its work of the realisation of Human Unity and World Peace, but unfortunately influenced by lack of necessary resources due to the rapid and recurrent increase in the cost of paper, printing and postage, two resolutions were circulated on the 13th February 1984 to the members of the Executive Committee under Rule No. 5 (b) (iii) (of World Union Rules and Regulations) for making alterations in the conduct of the World Union affairs. Majority of the members of the Executive Committee approved the resolutions but some members criticised it, which required rethinking on our part.

World Union is grateful specially to Sri Rambhai Nathabhai Amin, a Life Member of World Union of Ahmedabad, India, for his inspiring letters and encouragement to the workers of World Union by sending a donation of Rs. 2,002/- (Rs 1,001/- twice) for carrying on the work of World Union as best as it could be managed. That influenced Sri A.B. Patel, who had given a loan of Rs. 2,000/- to World Union to meet its temporary requirements to turn that loan into a donation. This procedure influenced World Union to write to its members, particularly Life Members, requesting them to extend their financial help to World Union to tide over the present difficult financial period and we are happy to report that World Union has received an encouraging response and it is hoped to continue to receive donations from the members. The following is the list of members who have so far sent donations.

SL. NO.	NAME & PLACE	DONATION AMOUNT
1.	Sri R.N. Amin, Ahmedabad	... Rs. 2,002.00
2.	Sri A.B. Patel, Pondicherry	... Rs. 2,000.00
3.	Sri B.M. Dave, Calcutta	... Rs. 101.00
4.	Sri Susanto Mittra, Calcutta	.. Rs. 200.00
5.	Mr. N.A. Palkhivala, Chairman, Lotus Trust, Bombay	... Rs. 500.00
6.	Mr. Rudolf F. Gurtler, West Germany	... Rs. 395.20
7.	Mr. Elmer Roeder, USA (\$100) about	... Rs. 1,097.00
8.	Mr. Y.N. Nanavati, Surat	... Rs. 100.00
9.	Mrs. Luise Hansen and Mr. M.J. Patel (Japan) jointly	... Rs. 1,410.00
10.	Mr. Y. H. Patel, Nairobi	... Rs. 101.00
11.	Dr. Jagdish R. Patel, USA	... Rs. 1,001.00
12.	Mr. Erik Bach, Luxembourg (\$ 200) about	... Rs. 2,194.00
13.	Mary Schreiner, USA (\$ 50) about	... Rs. 549.00
14.	Mrs. Adorine Albanese, USA (\$ 100) about	... Rs. 1,097.00
15.	Mr. S. J. Chandler, U. K. (£. 10) about	... Rs. 152.20
16.	Mr. Dhirubhai N. Shah, U.K. (£. 50) about	... Rs. 761.00
17.	Dr. Narendra D. Dabhade, USA (\$ 50) about	... Rs. 549.00
18.	Sri Narendralal Chowdhury, Bhadrakali	... Rs. 48.50

World Union will feel very happy to receive renewal of subscriptions from those who have stopped it under the impression that there will be a change in the conduct of World Union affairs. World Union will also be happy to receive donations from the members who have not sent the same so far to help it to tide over the present difficult financial situation. Our members need be informed that World Union had acquired a building, in which the World Union Office is situated, at the cost more than Rs. 2,50,000/-, which was done at a time when it was not anticipated to meet the present financial difficulty.



General Secretary
June 18, 1984

MEMBERS' PAGE

We have been striving for achieving World Peace and Human Unity on spiritual basis through 'World Union' for the last twenty five years. During the course of our journey towards the ultimate goal of humankind we had to lose cooperation of many individuals who left us on the way for some reason or other while many joined us as our new collaborators. We move on until the goal is reached.

It may be that those who left, might not have satisfactory answers to some questions which were raised in their minds while they had been carrying out the movement. It is true that answers to many such questions are available from various articles published in our journal; still they might not have satisfied their queries. It is also true that many a Local Centre in its regular sittings allot times for question and answers relating to subjects discussed in those sittings; still it may be that the answers do not fully cover the area of our Movement.

So, members are requested to prepare suitable questionnaire relating to various aspects of the Movement for publication in this 'PAGE' for all concerned to note and answer. The right answers when available from members will be published in this 'PAGE' again for all concerned to note and be guided.

DIALOGUE (23)

THE END OF THE ANCIENT QUARREL

Teacher : While coming to your class, just from outside I heard that you were discussing certain subject very seriously and also very loudly. What is it?

Suresh (a student) : Sekhar was telling that still there are certain human problems which Science can not solve, though it has solved so many problems of humankind. I was trying to convince him that at present there may be some human problems which Science has not the capability to solve. But if we cast a deeper look on the rapid progress of Science during the last three decades, we can assertedly comment that before the end of this century we will see that all problems of existence are solved by Science. Unfortunately Sekhar is very much adamant and rigid in not accepting my points.

Teacher : Is it so Sekhar? What you've got to say against his views?

Sekhar (another student) : I did not accept his views because there are certain human problems which originate not from physical nature where Science has got every access to move but from other spheres where Science has no Passport to enter in.

Teacher : What are they?

Sekhar : Before explaining that I wish to say something about the Universe and how Science endeavours to survey it. We know and Science has also accepted that the entire Universe has neither a beginning nor an end. It is extending infinitely. So, the entire Universe contains all sizes and dimensions and not limited to Time and Space. The mystery of the Universe cannot therefore, be explained by Science because it cannot be expressed in number or in weight and measurements. Science attempts at explaining what is life but fails to make it immortal.

I did not accept the views of Suresh because Science has no capability in doing away with death. Even it can not wipe out sorrow, pain and sufferings of man. It is not true that all sorrows of man originate from poverty. So, economics—however scientific it may be, is helpless to deal with such sorrows. We know that it is from ignorance—that is absence of *KNOWLEDGE*, from falsehood—that is absence of *TRUTH*, from darkness—that is absence of *LIGHT*, that sorrows, pain and sufferings of man arise. We also know that *KNOWLEDGE*, *TRUTH*, and *LIGHT* exist in this world underneath the cover of Ignorance, Falsehood and Darkness, Science can not dis-cover them. It is only by an extension of the field of our consciousness that it can be done. Extension of consciousness means inner enlargement. Here Science is helpless. It has got nothing to do.

Teacher : This is the ancient quarrel. From time immemorial we have been quarrelling with each other on this issue.

However, Suresh and Sekhar, both of you must know that the time is drawing near when this quarrel will be decided. Perhaps Sekhar will admit that Cosmic Consciousness in humanity is coming slowly to be admitted by Psychology. So, we may safely say that Science is hewing out the way and one day it shall be able to realise the Reality and remove the veil to dis-cover *KNOWLEDGE*, *TRUTH* and *LIGHT*. And that day is not very far. Thus when this ancient quarrel shall end—Suresh with great joy shall embrace Sekhar and Sekhar with utter surprise shall see how luminous and blissful is the face of Suresh.

From a Member's diary

●ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Beliaghata: In its 16th monthly meeting held on 13th May 1984 Sri Gautam Kr. Roy, Secretary of the Centre discussed "World Union and Sri Aurobindo"—after meditation with tape-recorded music of the Mother. Sri Debendra Nath Sur presided. Sri Jogu Dutta, a Focus member of the Centre donated a few books of Sri Aurobindo to the Centre.

Domjur: It held its monthly meeting on 6th May 1984 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the aims of Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana and stated that total transformation of earth-life into Divine life and synthesis of God and the world was the fundamental object of Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana. He also explained the significance of Supramental descent in the context. He emphasised that regular meditation and practice of Karmayoga was a necessity for individual preparation.

New Alipur: In its monthly meeting held on 7th June 1984 Smt. Mira Mukherjee read out from the Mother's 'Entretiens' and explained how to get rid of 'Attachment'. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee stated that to achieve World Unity one must rise above the present level of one's consciousness to spiritual level through intellectual, ethical and aesthetical levels.

Salt Lake: In its 35th monthly meeting the Centre celebrated Tagore's birth anniversary on 12.5.84 under the Presidentship of Sri S.K. Roy Chowdhury. Smt. Anjali Roy, Secretary of the Centre discussed Universalism in Rabindranath and traced out with suitable quotations how it could be identified with 'Integral Consciousness' as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo.

Members of the Centre's library participated and offered songs of Rabindranath. A few members also recited poems of Rabindranath and some recited selected portion of Rabindranath's famous novel '*Ghare-Baire*'.

The Centre held its 36th monthly meeting on 9.6.84 when members discussed the subject: "We shall March for a better Tomorrow".

The Chairman of the Centre, Dr. R.K. De held that inspite of despair and despondency, difference and imperfections of our present day life we were all moving towards a better tomorrow. Practice of Integral Yoga would hasten the movement towards the splendid goal—The Life Divine, of humankind because Supramental Force had been at work.

Sri S.K. Roy Chowdhury stressed on 'self-purification' and indicated that only to observe birth anniversary of great men would not help in achieving human unity; individual self-purification was a necessity.

Sibpur: In its monthly meeting held on the 13th May 1984 Sri Indu Bhusan Sinha Roy spoke on "The Truth Consciousness". He quoted from Sri Aurobindo that "the Supramental is a truth and its advent is in the very nature of things inevitable", to emphasise that the Divine truth was greater than any religion or creed or scripture or idea or philosophy. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the traits and characteristics of Supra-rational and Infra-rational society in the light of 'The Human Cycle' of Sri Aurobindo.

Uttarpara: In its 125th monthly meeting held on 11.2.84 Sri S.K. Gupta Vice-Chairman of the Centre read out certain portion from Sri Samar Basu's newly published booklet (in Bengali) "PONDICHERRY KATA DUR" (How far is Pondicherry?) and Sri N.K. Roy participated in the discussion. Sri N.B. Nandy presided.

It held its 126th monthly meeting on 10.3.84 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Guest Speaker, spoke on various aspects relating to the progress of the Movement of World Union and explained its spiritual significance. Sri N.B. Nandy presided.

In its 127th monthly meeting held on 14th April 1984 under the Presidentship of Sri Hil Kr. Chakrabarty the members discussed the remaining portion of the booklet 'Pondicherry Kata Dur' (How far is Pondicherry).

The members of the Centre observed 'Rabindra Jayanti' on 12.5.84 in its 128th monthly meeting when Prof. Santanu Roy, Guest Speaker spoke elaborately on "Rabindranath in the Light of World Union". He quoted lines from various poems of Tagore and traced out how his thoughts transcended narrow national limits and how the urge of human mind for Universal Brotherhood found expression in his writings. Sri N.K. Roy inaugurated the celebration and Sri N.B. Nandy presided.



Deputy General Secretary
June 18, 1984

NOTE: ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

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NEED FOR A WORLD STATE

If much of the unease, the sense of inevitable struggle, the difficulty of mutual toleration and economic accommodation still exists, it is rather because the idea of using the ideological struggle as a means for a world domination is there and keeps the nations in a position of mutual apprehension and preparation for armed defence and attack than because the coexistence of the two ideologies is impossible. If this element is eliminated, a world in which these two ideologies could live together, arrive at an economic interchange, draw closer together, need not be at all out of the question; for the world is moving towards a greater development of the principle of State control over the life of the community, and a congeries of socialistic States on one side and of States coordinating and controlling a modified capitalism might well come to exist side by side and develop friendly relations, with each other. Even a World State in which both could keep their own institutions and sit in a common assembly might come into being and a single world-union on this foundation would not be impossible. This development is indeed the final outcome which the foundation of the U.N.O. presupposes; for the present organisation cannot be itself final, it is only an imperfect beginning and useful and necessary as a primary nucleus of that larger institution in which all the peoples of the earth can meet each other in a single international unity; the creation of a World State is in a movement of this kind the one logical and inevitable ultimate outcome.

The central question is whether the nation, the largest natural unit which humanity has been able to create and maintain for its collective living, is also its last and ultimate unit or whether a greater aggregate can be formed which will englobe many and even most nations and finally all in its united totality.

Postscript Chapter to:
"The Ideal of Human Unity"
Sri Aurobindo

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Sardar Patel University

Forum for World Peace (1983-84)

Annual Report dated 28-6-84 signed by Dr. D.D. Jadeja as Secretary of the Forum for World Peace (1983-84) is given below:

'Forum for World Peace' is established at Sardar Patel University as a branch of 'World Union', Sri Aurobind Ashram, Pondicherry. It is funded by "World Union". World Union, is a non-profit, non-political movement based on spiritual foundation.

The Vice-Chancellor as President of the Forum for World Peace has nominated Dr. Dilavarsinh D. Jadeja, Principal, Nalini Arvind & T.V. Patel Arts College, Vallabh Vidyanagar as the Secretary of the Forum for World Peace.

The following lecture-cum-discussions were arranged during the academic year 1983-84 by the Forum at Nalini-Arvind & T.V. Patel Arts College:

Sl. No.	Speaker	Subject	Date
1.	Prof. Yashwant Shukla Ahmedabad	Peace and Non-Violence as enun- ciated by Mahatma Gandhi (in Gujarati)	31-7-1983
2.	Prof. Devvrat Pathak Ahmedabad	Search for peaceme—aning and process (in Gujarati)	7-9-1983
3.	Prof. Gunvant Shah Surat	Teacing of Peace through Yoga (in Gujarati)	2-3-1984

ELOCUTION COMPETITION:

Forum for Peace arranged an elocution competition on 30.9.1983 and 30.10.1983. The competition was sub-divided in four sections: (1) Secondary (2) Higher Secondary (3) Colleges and (4) Post-Graduate Departments.

Eight students participated in Secondary and Higher Secondary sections and fourteen students participated in under-graduate as well as Post-graduate segments. The subject for school section was 'YUG PURUSH GANDHIJI', the topic for colleges and Post-graduate Departments was 'How to establish Peace and Unity in the Present day World'.

In all, ten students were declared as price winners by a panel of judges. Prizes in form of books were distributed.

World Constitution & Parliament Association, West Bengal Local Chapter: New Age day observed and its Report:

Sri N Mustafy, Jt. Secretary of World Constitution and Parliament Association, West Bengal Local Chapter, has sent the following report:

In the presence of a selected gathering, despite bad weather, and semi paralysed condition of the Calcutta city, the New Age Day was observed by the W.C.P.A., West Bengal Local Chapter by holding a discussion on "Prospects of a World Government", on 27th June 1984. The discussion took place at the 'New Dawn' hall at 18A, Ramdhon Mitra Lane at 6.15 PM. Dr. Pratap Chandra Chunder, President of the Local Chapter, took the chair. Sri H.N. Majumdar could not make himself available as the Chief Guest due to some sudden preoccupation. The discussion started with the deliberation by Prof. K.C. Pal who briefly explained the salient features of the 'Constitution for the Federation of Earth' and the background of the W.C.P.A. Movement in India. He stated that the governments of all countries are to be persuaded for ratification of the Constitution. In his opinion, prospect for World Government is not bleak if systematic work and action are undertaken by people. The ratification of the Constitution by the individuals is more important. Prof. Pal added, the general trend of the history of mankind is not towards World War but World Peace and harmony. Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Chairman of the World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal, analysed the prospects for a World Government from the "World Union" view-point. He reviewed the past of humanity in brief and showed how the concepts of sovereignty, nationality and internationality have grown up in the history of mankind over time. He referred to the lessons of the 'Gita' regarding the 'urge for freedom'. He examined the 'Constitution for the Federation of Earth' carefully. House of Nations is similar to the U. N. House of Peoples is constituted by the Representatives from mechanically divided basic units, i.e. districts, which may not represent the World Soul.

Apparently, he added, that the Constitution and the W.C.P.A. Movement may not be acceptable to a World Union worker. He quoted several passages from Sri Aurobindo, "yet the unity of mankind is evidently a part of Nature's eventual scheme and must come about. Only it must be under other conditions and with safeguards which will keep the race intact in the roots of its vitality, richly diverse in oneness." (Ideal of Human Unity—Ch.I). "It is even possible that our original state was an instinctive animal spontaneity of free and fluid association and that our final ideal state will be an enlightened, intuitive spontaneity of free and fluid association. Our destiny may be the conversion of an original animal association into a community of Gods". (Ideal of Human Unity. Ch. III). . . . But the state is an entity which, with the greatest amount of power is the least hampered by internal scruples or external checks. It has no soul or only a rudimentary one". "The state is a convenience and a rather clumsy convenience, for our common development; it ought never to be made an end in itself". (Ideal of Human Unity. Ch. IV).

"There may be in the process a maximum of loss and suffering through the clash of national and imperial egoisms To that reason two alternative possibilities and therefore two ideals present themselves, a World-State founded upon the principle of centralisation and uniformity, a mechanical and formal unity, or a World Union founded upon the principle

of liberty and variation in a free and intelligent unity". (Ideal of human Unity Ch. XXII).

"Some such unity for the human race is possible in the place of an organised World-State if the nations of mankind succeed in preserving their developed insight of nationalism intact and strong enough to resist the domination of the State idea. The result would then be not a single nation of mankind and a World-State, but a single human people with a free association of its nation units". (Ideal of Human Unity Ch. XXVII):

".....Yet the unification of the human race achieved, is to strive not towards a closely organised World-State, but towards a free, elastic and progressive World Union." (Ideal of Human Unity Ch. XXIX) . . . Sri Bhattacharya finally concluded that the importance of W.C.P.A. Movement cannot also be ruled out by a World Union worker either. He referred to the following passage from the Postscript Chapter of 'Ideal of Human Unity'.

"The ultimate result must be the formation of a World-State and the most desirable form of it would be a federation of free nationalities in which all subjection or forced inequality and subordination of one to another would have disappeared and though some might preserve a greater natural influence, all would have an equal status."

"A world union of this kind would have the greatest chances of long survival and permanent existence".

Dr. Pratap Chandra Chunder, President of the Local Chapter, in his Presidential address, explained the significance of the 'New Age Day', the day when the historical document "A Constitution for the Federation of Earth" was adopted by the people of several countries. Explaining why a World Government is necessary and how it would function, he reviewed the world history; He pointed out that Alexander the great could not unite the world, Holy Roman Empire was proved to be neither holy nor Roman nor Empire. The results of Imperialism, Colonialism and clashes between World powers in recent times are well known to all. The role of League of Nations has been observed; U.N O. quite powerful but in paper can no more be considered of much use; as a matter of fact five nations, U.S A., USSR, U.K. France and China—take the leading roles and the voices of the remaining one hundred and fifty five other nations are useless. Some great scholars and thinkers of the world came forward with the idea of Federation of Earth and drafted this historical document, i.e the Constitution. The necessity and need for such a federation is being felt throughout the earth at present. It is possible that such a need has originated out of fear for destruction and total annihilation threatened by World War, Dr. Chunder added, it is not merely due to the urge for survival but the inherent tendency in man and trend of the history of mankind for unity. It is the inevitable goal of humanity.

It will depend solely on the acceptability of the idea by the people and the nations and also on the realisation by the people about the foundation on which the ideal unity will be based upon.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks proposed by the Joint Secretary of the Local Chapter.

Liberal donations continued to be received by World Union:

In July 1984 Focus eighteen names were given of those who sent donations to World

Union making a total of Rs. 14,257/90. After that date further donations have been received as under:

SL. NO.	NAME & PLACE	DONATION AMOUNT
1.	Mr. Glyn Philipps, U.K. (£. 40.00) about	Rs. 601.00
2.	Mr. Hasmukh P. Patel, Kenya	Rs. 1,111.00
3.	Mr. J M. Patel, Kenya	Rs. 1,000.00
4.	Mrs. Alooben Driver, Pune	Rs. 2,101.50
5.	Smt. Minu Roy, Calcutta	Rs. 100.00
6.	Sri I.N. Patel, Pondicherry	Rs. 101.00
7.	Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Calcutta	Rs. 300.00
8.	Sri N.S. Amin, Bombay (7th Triennial World Union World Conference)	Rs. 1,000.00
9.	Mr. John F.R. Sweet, U.K (£. 20.00) about	Rs. 325.00
10.	Mr. Chandubhai J. Patel, Kenya	Rs. 5,000.00
11.	World Union Navarangpura Centre, Ahmedabad, Contributed by its members as detailed below:	Rs. 345.00
TOTAL . . .		Rs. 11,984.50

(1)	Sri Kalyanbhai G. Patel	Rs. 25.00
(2)	Sri Girishbhai Desai	Rs. 20.00
(3)	Smt. Nalini M. Brahma	Rs. 11.00
(4)	Sri Viswanath Sathalia	Rs. 11.00
(5)	Sri Dilip B. Patel	Rs. 11.00
(6)	Sri Shamalbhai Patel	Rs. 25.00
(7)	Sri Ratilal K. Desai	Rs. 25.00
(8)	Sri Jayantilal V. Raval	Rs. 101.00
(9)	Sri Arvind N. Patel	Rs. 11.00
(10)	Smt. Niruben A. Patel	Rs. 11.00
(11)	Sri Chandulal A. Patel	Rs. 11.00
(12)	Sri Rambhai J. Patel	Rs. 11.00
(13)	Sri Jayantilal A. Mehta	Rs. 21.00
(14)	Navarangpura Centre	Rs. 51.00
		<u>Rs. 345.00</u>



General Secretary
July 19, 1984

MEMBERS' PAGE

A Member has raised a very serious question in regard to our movement so far as it relates to "WORLD CITIZENSHIP". He stated that in India so far as he knew the movement of 'Visva Nagarik'—was initiated by Raja Mahendra Pratapji long ago. After the Second World War the movement of World Citizenship with the idea of 'One World' began to progress rapidly all over the world. On 25th April 1948 Mr. Garry Davis (author of 'My Country is the World') abandoned his American Nationality and placed himself under the protection of the U.N. He declared himself a 'World Citizen' and with a few of his collaborators printed the first World Citizenship Identity Card. In July 1949, The International Registry of World Citizens was established in Paris for the purpose of registration of World Citizens. Thereafter, thousand and thousands of persons around the world have become registered World Citizens.

A Non-Governmental Organisation under the name and style of the World Citizens' Assembly was formed in 1974 at San Francisco and held its first conference in 1975. World Union treats this Organisation as its collaborator and thinks the movement of World Citizenship very helpful for the formation of a World State.

Then he puts the question—"If that be so then why didn't Sri Aurobindo deal with the subject 'World Citizenship' even in the Postscript Chapter of 'The Ideal of Human Unity'? It is not that Sri Aurobindo did not know anything about 'World Citizenship'. According to him formation of a 'World State' is the final outcome which the foundation of the U.N.C. presupposes. Is it therefore, necessary to become World Citizens first to set up World Government or will the present situation all over the World compel the nation states to assemble and find out ways and means to get rid of the crises which obviously will result in the formation of a World State?"

Interested members specially those who are closely related to the movement of World Citizenship are requested to throw light on the issue so that we may understand the necessity of the movement of World Citizenship and why world Union treats it as its collaborator.

DIALOGUE (24)

A SIN AND A CRIME

A Railway station. Soon the train will start. A man hurriedly came to a passenger who seems to be very intelligent, perhaps a lawyer . . .

Man : Excuse me Sir, just now I've come to know that someone has picked my pocket.

Passenger : Then what?

Man : I could'nt buy ticket; how shall I travel by this train?

Passenger : Don't travel. Go and buy ticket. then travel.

Man : But I've got no money.

Passenger : Then come by next train which you'll get after two hours. By that time you'll be able to acquire money and book ticket.

Man : But Sir, I've to go by this train because I received this morning a telegram from my younger brother. My mother is seriously ill. She is at our village home. This train touches our village station.

Passenger : Then you are not asking money only but also want me to believe that some one has picked your pocket. you received a telegram, your mother is ill. How strange! 'am I to believe all these lies! I wonder how you dare come to me to narrate all these nonsense. Do I look very silly?

The man moved back.

Passenger : Well, look here, I appreciate your power of narrating stories which can easily convince many. (He opened his purse and took a two Rupee note from it.)

Man : Let me have your address please. I'll pay you back the money as soon as possible.

Passenger : This too I don't believe.

Man : Then excuse me Sir. I can't take money from a sinner.

Passenger : Sinner! What do you mean?

Man : I mean what everybody knows Sir and that is—to lose confidence on Man is a sin and to help anyone with contempt is a crime.

From a Member's diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bangalore: Sri B.V. Subbarayan, Secretary, Bangalore Centre reported the proceedings of the 14th General Body Meeting of the Centre held on 15th April 1984 under the Presidentship of Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row. The members observed two minutes' silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls of Sri Thandaveswara Rao, Ex President of the Centre, and Sri Rama Rao, a Life Member. The report of the Secretary and the Audited Accounts were passed and approved. The next terms' budget was also approved after some discussion. Sri G. Sivanna was elected as a member of the Working Committee and Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row accepted to be the president for one more term. Smt. Bhubaneswari Ramaswamy, Sri H S. Narayana Setty, Sri M.K. Rameswaram, Sri B.V. Subbarayan and Lt. Col. K.V. S. Appa were elected to the Working Committee. The President nominated two members for the Working Committee and they were: (1) Sri K.S. Sridharan and (2) Sri T.S. Ranga Rao.

After Some discussion regarding improvement of the activities, avenues to raise funds etc. the meeting terminated with the vote of thanks proposed by the Secretary.

Bhowanipur It held its meeting on 14th June 1984 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on 'Yoga of Sri Aurobindo'.

Chakradharpur: The members celebrated 'The Mother's Final Arrival at Pondicherry' by organising three days' programme alongwith the members of Sri Aurobindo Society on 24th, 25th and 26th April 1984.

24th April 1984 – Sri A.K. Sen discussed Sri Aurobindo's Gita.

25th April 1984 – Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed the following subjects as suggested by the Secretary:

- (i) Is the present time – The Hour of God?
- (ii) Whether World Government is Possible?
- (iii) The Practical Aspects of Sri Aurobindo's Yoga.

26th April 1984 – *Shishu Chakra* (Childrens Forum) organised its annual cultural and gymnastic programme.

Domjur: In its weekly sittings on the 10th, 17th and 24th June 1984 the members read and discussed various chapters from Sri Aurobindo's 'Essays on the Gita'. Complete Bengali works, as also from Dibya Jibaner Sandhane.

On 1st July 1984 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee visited the Centre and in a meeting held on the occasion he explained and analysed how Sri Aurobindo's philosophy is based on ancient Indian Cultures and how it synthesises the culture of the East and West.

New Alipur. It held its monthly meeting on the 5th July 1984 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee appealed to all the members to donate generously for the World Union Fund after the devotional and chorus songs presented by its members. Sri Rajen Ganguly of Sri Aurobindo Ashram narrated in his inimitable way his personal experience with Nolinida. He described Nolinida as a shadow between the Divine and the Creation and a perfect specimen of a total integral surrender. He had been with Sri Aurobindo all along starting from his political career.

North Calcutta: It held its 122nd monthly meeting on 19.5.84 when Sri Gour Mohan Chatterjee read out a prose piece of Sri Nolini Ksnto Gupta on Sri Aurobindo and Rabindranath which the author pointed out the semblances of their view points. A musical program was presented by the members of the Centre.

On the 20th June 1984 it held its 123rd monthly meeting. After devotional song offered by Smt. Anita Bose, Sri Sujit Kumar Paul, discussed the Bengali Bulletin composed by Sri Samar Basu of June 1984 on "Degeneration in politics".

Sri Rajen Ganguly of Sri Aurobindo Ashram delivered an inspiring talk on "The Mother and Nolinida" in which he narrated how the Mother and Her true child Nolinida had inspired the followers of "New Consciousness" to become able instruments to reflect the Light and to do divine works.

Raghunathpur: It held its monthly meetings on 5.5.84 and 2.6.84.

On 5.5.84: Sri S.K. Gupta, Vice-Chairman, Uttarpara Centre, discussed the question "Why are we in need of Spiritual Life?" by referring suitable quotations from Sri Aurobindo.

On 2.6.84: Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the necessity of studying Sri Aurobindo and emphasised to build bridge between ordinary life and the life divine.

New Life Member:

494. Mrs. Hansa Patel
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To cooperate with other societies and organisations having similar aims for a wider achievement for the above objects.

Clause 'm' of the Memorandum of Association of 'World Union'

Here too India has begun to play a prominent part and, if she can develop that larger statesmanship which is not limited by the present facts and immediate possibilities but looks into the future and brings it nearer, her presence may make all the difference between a slow and timid and a bold and swift development.

From the letter of the 15th August, 1947 by Sri Aurobindo

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Brief Report of the 25th Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of World Union International, when in the unavoidable absence of Sri M P. Pandit, Chairman, Sri N.S. Rao, the most senior Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

More than 40 members met at "SOCIETE MUTUELLE DES CREOLES" hall at 2.30 PM on Thursday, the 16th August 1984 when three functions consequently took place:

(i) Meeting of the Executive Committee of World Union International Centre; (ii) World Union Pondicherry Centre gave prizes to thirteen students of local High Schools and Colleges, when Sri N S. Rao, Chairman of the Executive Committee Meeting of World Union International, gave Rs. 50/- to each of the thirteen students. Prof. E.M. Rajan had conducted the whole project of asking students questions on 'The Mother and Sri Aurobindo' and selecting

13 students for prizes. Sri Kamalakanto delivered a speech at the function. (iii) Executive Committee of World Union National Centre-India, Bangalore, met and transacted business.

The Chairman of World Union Sri M.P. Pandit could not attend and preside over the Executive Committee Meeting of World Union as he had to go to Calcutta on a very important business which included his talks at Jadavpur University on the 16th and 17th August 1984 on Sri Aurobindo which was made possible because Sri Samar Basu had endowed a sum of Rs. 60,000/- to Jadavpur University, out of the interest of which sum every year, arrangement was to be made by the Jadavpur University for two lectures on Sri Aurobindo. In the absence of Sri M.P. Pandit, Sri N.S. Rao, the senior most Vice Chairman, presided over the meeting. Following is the brief report of what happened at the three functions:

Sri N.S. Rao, from the Chair, presented to the meeting the following resolution to condole the passing away of Sri Nolini Kanta Gupta:

"Perhaps all of us know that Nolini Kanta Gupta our beloved Nolinida passed away on the 7th February this year at the age of 96. He had been one of our founder members. Because of his old age and heavy burden of work of the Ashram which he had been looking after as the Founder-Secretary of the Ashram, we relieved him of the responsibility of a member of our Executive Committee in the last election in November 1982. When he was a student he responded to the clarion call of the revolutionists in the first decade of this century and joined the Movement. He had been in the Alipur jail with Sri Aurobindo and was released with him in 1909. Since then he had been working with him and came to Pondicherry in 1910, a few months after Sri Aurobindo's arrival. With his passing away we lost our wise Counsellor and a sincere well wisher of World Union. This is the first time that we meet after his passing away.

Let us therefore pray to the Divine Mother that his soul may take rest in the peaceful refuge of our Sweet Mother."

Sri N.S. Rao, as Chairman of the meeting, read the Statement of Sri M.P. Pandit:

"I am sorry I will not be able to participate in the deliberations of this Executive Meeting, being called away by other pressing engagements. In wishing the meeting full success I would only add a few thoughts which are uppermost in my mind for the past few months.

Have we succeeded to a minimum extent in awakening the public to the necessity of working for Human Unity? We have been at work for 25 years now and it is time we ask this question of ourselves. If we have not, why not? Are our methods outdated? Are we out of tune with present generation? What are the alternatives open to us, of course, within our limited means?

Another line of self-questioning: Have we established in ourselves a modicum of world-union consciousness? Individually, do we live it in our personal lives? Can we hope to impress upon others the need to promote peace and unity in the world unless we have worked to establish it in our own selves?

Organisationally, do we serve any useful role in the society? Should we align ourselves with similar movements in the field or keep ourselves separate on the plea that ours is a spiritual basis and theirs is political or religious or any other?"

Audited accounts disclosed that World Union had sustained a loss of a sum of Rs. 28,139/65 in 1983. In the years 1981 and 1982 it also sustained loss of substantial sums

Mr. Patel explained to the meeting how the Second Session of the Provisional World Parliament will be held in March 1985 in New Delhi. He also explained what had been done at the First Provisional World Parliament held at Brighton (UK) in September 1982 when he had the honour to act as the Speaker of the Provisional World Parliament. There World Constitution and Parliament Association endeavoured to create World Law in place of present International Law. It was a very important meeting from the point of view of world events and world law.

Each of the three Coordinators of World Union present in the meeting—Sri B. Krishnaswamy, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee and Sri N.S. Amin mentioned the work done by each of them.

(a) Sri B. Krishnaswamy—Coordinator of World Union in the Southern Region stated that four New Centres were opened two in the A.P., one in Tamil Nadu and one in Bangalore and three Centres were revived.

(b) Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee—Coordinator of World Union in the Eastern Region stated that in West Bengal eight New Centres were opened and one New Centre Sundargarh in Orissa was also opened.

In 1983 Silver Jubilee was celebrated on World Union Day by the West Bengal Regional Centre hosted by Duttapukur Centre. Silver Jubilee Year was also celebrated with due solemnity by different Centres in West Bengal. This Year Raghunathpur and Domjur Centres have arranged to observe the birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo for the first time with Seminars, essay Competition, book distribution and cultural programme etc. Large number of members from West Bengal including myself attended the Seminar on "THE NEXT MILLENNIUM" arranged by Aurodarshan at Hyderabad in last March.

The West Bengal Regional Centre besides observing the World Union Day also observed the 21st February and arranged for a Seminar on "National and International Integration" at Bolepur, when I was invited as the Chief Guest. WCPA West Bengal Local Chapter also arranged a few Seminars during this period.

He also mentioned that he visited a large number of Centres, old and new, for revitalisation, renewal of membership and suggestion for future activity and movements—as have been published in the Focus from time to time. Besides he collected a good amount as donation to World Union by personal approach from different Centres e.g. New Alipur, Domjur, Bhowanipur, Raghunathpur and Andul Centres, besides a few advertisements for our monthly journal.

(C) Sri N.S. Amin—Coordinator of World Union in the Western Region reported that in May 1983 Shree Rohit Mehta spoke on *Life Divine*. Theosophical Society members, Sri Aurobindo Society members and World Union members attended the lecture.

In August 1983 World Union Day was celebrated. Shree Shantibhai Patel spoke on 'World Union'. He narrated the difficulties experienced by World Union members while spreading the World Union Movement.

In September 1983 World Union Centres in Bombay organised seven days Savitri Gnana-satra. Shree Ashvin Kapadia gave lucid discourses on 'Savitri'. This helped the members to imbibe the spiritual vibrations of Savitri. In October 1983 United Nations Day and Foundation Day of Sri Aurobindo Peddar Road Sangam Centre was celebrated. Sri N. S. Rao and Shree Sundaram attended the function. Smt. Kokilaben Vakaní and Shree Manmohan Saigal rendered

beautiful bhajans. Perfect eye-sight treatment is regularly conducted by Smt. Suvasnaben on every Tuesday.

In May 1984 W.C.P.A. meeting was organised at the Indians' Merchants Chamber on *World Government, how and why?* An impassioned plea for abolition of nuclear armaments and to usher in durable peace and coexistence between nations was made by three eminent speakers, Mr. Lakappa, M.P., Mr. Ratansinh Rajda, M.P. and Dr. Rashmi Mayur, eminent environmentalist and futurologist.

World Union National Centre-India, Bangalore:

After the meeting of the Executive Committee at about 4.30 PM, tea and biscuits were served to all present. After that the function of World Union Pondicherry Centre took place. At about 5.15 PM the meeting of the World Union National Centre-India, Bangalore, took place which was well attended by the members from Bangalore.

Reports of World Union International and National Centre-India Bangalore, for 1983:

ANNUAL REPORT OF WORLD UNION FOR THE YEAR 1983

At the very outset I, on behalf of World Union, would like to congratulate all our colleagues in World Union that we have completed 25 years of journey this year.

There is no doubt that we are passing through a very critical period of human history when peoples all over the world feel very distressed with despair and frustration and find no way to get rid of the juncture. Prevalence of this discouraging plight has its atmospheric effect very acute in the national, social and individual life of man. And so our organisation, since it is run by a group of individuals, here and there could not escape the adverse atmospheric effect for which we had to pass through very hard days which condition we had never experienced before. And as a result we have not been able to hold this meeting in April this year.

The main difficulty which threatened our progress was due to everwidening gulf between our Income and Expenditure which gradually became unbridgeable (even by utilising Bank overdraft facilities), though from May 1982 when Sri Samar Basu joined World Union office we have been trying our utmost to minimise our expenses as far as practicable. However by the Grace of the Divine Mother, we were able to celebrate in a befitting and sanctified manner the SILVER JUBILEE YEAR of our Movement through all the Local, Regional and National Centres in India and abroad. We were able to publish Special Combined Issue on this happy occasion which helped us to earn some money through advertisements to cope with increasing volume of expenditure.

As usual World Union continued in the year 1983 its contact and cooperation with other Non-Governmental Organisations working for Human Unity and World Peace, especially with the World Constitution and Parliament Association which Organisation held its Steering Committee and annual meet in December 1983 at New Delhi which was attended by Sri N. S.

Rao, Sri Samar Basu and Sri J.N. Puri of World Union, and we are happy to announce that Sri N.S. Rao, was elected as a Co-President of the W.C.P.A. in that meeting in place of Sri A. B. Patel who was elected as an Honorary President for Life.

I am happy to report that 17 New World Union Centres were formed in the Eastern Region and 3 Centres in the Southern Region during this year for which World Union is thankful to Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, Chairman Regional Centre, West Bengal, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee Coordinator in the Eastern Region and Sri B. Krishnaswamy, Coordinator, Southern Region. I am also happy to report that during 1983, 7 New Associate Life Members and 21 Life Members were enrolled.

The reports of the activities (meetings, seminars etc.) of the Local Centres, Regional and National Centres both in India and abroad appeared from time to time in the Focus Section of our journal. In addition to the report of Organisational Activities, a new feature 'MEMBERS' PAGE & DIALOGUE' was introduced from July 1983 which attracted the interest of many an active worker of World Union.

The 24th Annual Executive Committee Meeting was held in Pondicherry on 23. 4. 83 in which the present Executive Committee was constituted for the next three years with 25 members and four Coordinators of Eastern, Southern, Western and Northern Regions as its Ex-Officio Members. The Committee executed creative and constructive work during the year under review.

WORLD UNION NATIONAL CENTRE-INDIA

REPORT BY SECRETARY for 1983

Respected President and Friends,

The World Union National Centre—India, with headquarters at Bangalore has been functioning from 1st July 1980. The First Major task it undertook was to successfully conduct the 3rd National Convention of World Union Centres in India on 7th, 8th, and 9th, June 1981, with the main theme "Practice of Oneness, The Caring Community". Since then the National Executive has met twice, on November 28th 1982 at Bombay and on 24th April 1983 at Pondicherry.

Since we met last, several new World Union Centres have started functioning, the credit for this achievement is largely due to Zonal Coordinators and to President and Secretaries of the two regional centres, Regional Centre West Bengal, Calcutta and Southern Regional Centre, Bangalore. However, I must admit that the National Centre—India has yet to consolidate the work at the National level in a way that it should. Want of adequate funds, communi-

cation gap between Local Centres and National Centre, between Regional Coordinators and the National Centre are some of the inhibiting factors. I earnestly feel that this National Executive Committee meeting will consider this matter and give direction to determine the ways and means for achieving better results.

The 4th National Convention, the National Council and General Body Meetings were due to be held during 1984. Sri Ishwarlal M Bhatt, Surat offered to hold the Convention either at Surat or Ahmedabad during 1984. I am in continuous correspondence since 1982 and it is unfortunate that he is unable to communicate his decision so far. In spite of several letters to him addressed by me. As elections will have to be held for the National Executive once in 3 years, as per our constitution, the General Body Meeting has to elect the new office bearers and members of the National Council and ten members are to be elected to the National Executive by the National Council. I request this meeting to take decision regarding the venue and date for the convention and the meetings.

It is imperative for this meeting to formulate definite programmes for the year 1985. One of the proposals that was put forward by Sri J. N. Puri, Delhi was to organise a short term training cum educational summer camp for active World Union workers.

It is a global cliché that youth are the key to the future. The world youth population was 738 million in 1975. By the year 2000, there will be 1.18 billion youth between the ages of 15—24 years, while the increase of youth population during this period will be only 5 % in developed countries, it will be 80 % increase in less developed regions of Africa, Asia and Latin America. This tremendous increase, with scant facilities of living will result in apathy and rage on moral issues, fuelled by a sense of powerlessness amongst youth. International Youth Year 1985 will be an opportunity for the World Union Centres in India to actively participate. The International Youth Year has three themes, PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE. It will not be an event, but a process to review the status of youth and plan and act on programmes to solve their problems and fulfil their potentials. The National Centre—World Union must draw-up a plan which every World Union Centre in India, with variations to suit Local Centres, shall programme their activities towards contributing to the welfare of the youth. The National plan of action must include youth related programmes, for world unity, to promote activities that stimulate and meet the needs and aspirations youth, specially international relations by associating with youth of other Nationalities resident in their areas, Lectures, Seminars, Workshops highlighting moral and spiritual achievements of different Nations and Communities

What World Union should do is very well brought out by Sri A.B. Patel in the Book *Towards A New World Order*, youth unrest quote "I would say that a world unrest of young people cannot arise unless nature wishes to fulfil some evolutionary purpose for the progress of Society. Therefore the leaders of Society in every walk of life would be well advised to study carefully the true causes of youth unrest and to understand its true significance in a spirit of love, goodwill and sympathy and take necessary steps to provide a scope for the fulfilment of the legitimate aspirations of the young" unquote. I do hope this meeting of the National Executive Committee will formulate the necessary programmes.

I take this opportunity to express my thanks to the President, Office bearers, and Members of the Executive Committee and National Council for their guidance and help.

United Nations Day – World Holiday:

On December 6, 1971 the U.N. General Assembly adopted the resolution proclaiming United Nations Day, October 24, as International Holiday and recommending that it should be observed as a public holiday by all States, Members' of the United Nations.

The implementation of this resolution will lead to a World Holiday—Interdependence Day. The possibilities of this World Holiday as a powerful peace-educational opportunity are limitless.

I am happy to state that Dr. Dorothy Schneider, an Associate Life Member of World Union, had moved in this matter, before the United Nations passed the said resolution and she has requested World Union to publish this fact in World Union Focus of September 1984.

Liberal donations continued to be received by World Union:

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General Secretary
August 22, 1984

MEMBERS' PAGE

We are sorry that we have'nt yet received any questionnaire from any member as asked for in the July 1984 issue of this 'PAGE'; nor have we received comment as we invited in the August 1984 issue of this 'PAGE'. So let us wait till the next issue.

DIALOGUE (25)

IF REASON IS SO LUMINOUS THEN WHY ARE WE GROPING?

Father : That day when we were discussing about the characteristics of Rational Age, you said very precisely, so far as I remember—that we must be guided by 'Reason' and not by emotion or sentiment; for 'Reason' is the true path-finder. Did'nt you so comment?

Son : Yes father! This age in which we live is not conventional, but rational. All sorts of conventional beliefs and practices we had left behind long ago. If there still remain some remnants of them we must see that they are also done away with, for it is Reason that is the sure guide.

Grandson : Not only that, father! that day you also told. . . , I was there when you were discussing though I did'nt participate in it . . . , you told that 'Reason' had enlightened man to such a great extent that he has become able to explore not only this planet Earth, but also other planets. I have been thinking of this very seriously from that day.

Son : Very good. Have you got any question to ask?
(Grandson's father)

Grandson : Yes father! It is true that in this age man has made gigantic development in his outer life. I don't believe in conventions as my grand-pa does ; yet I have doubt whether reason is Luminous enough to guide us to our future destiny !

Father : Yes, that is the point. 'Am not doubtful but confident that inspite of all its (Grand-pa) contributions to humanity Reason is not so Luminous as to become the Governor of our life.

Grandson : ' Am also confident ; but for courtesy sake I told my father that I was doubtful.

Son : But I fail to understand why you, my young boy, have no faith on Reason. I understand my father—he is still a champion of conventions and traditions; he has no respect for recent scientific discoveries because that have shattered many a conventional belief. But I don't understand you, my child—a young product of Rational Age!

Father : Most of the conventions grew out of age-long observations and therefore men followed them without reasoning and that is the lapse that helped the Age of Reason to usher in. 'Am your father, but I cannot fully understand you. It is therefore natural that you cannot understand your son. He has already taken a further step towards the 'NEW ERA', which is to come through the lapses of Reason.

Son : Is it so my child?

Grandson : That I don't know papa. But often I feel disturbed with certain questions which my rational mind cannot answer. Reasoning is a faculty of mind and it functions through intelligence. But my intelligence fails to understand by what kind of 'Reason' the nations are guided when they prepare themselves for nuclear war. My intelligence fails to understand why the nations cannot love each other; where lies the Truth—in love or in hatred? In cooperation or in competition? So, 'am confident that Reason is of no help in solving the problems arising from stock-piling of nuclear weapons. The conflicting nations are no doubt, rational but they do not like to sit together to decide to destroy all the nuclear weapons they have stocked for they do not love each other. I may go further and comment that they have no love for humankind, for this beautiful earth— our happy abode. Yet they are all said to be rational.

Son : Each nation is guided, like each individual, by its own reason. They can justify their action, inaction and reaction. It is not that they intend to annihilate but on the contrary they whole-heartedly wish to save the world from annihilation. One nation is threatening the other and as a result no nation dares to declare war against the other. As they have sufficient reasons for stock-piling of weapons so they have sufficient reasons for not applying them. They are not doing anything irrational.

Grandson : They do not believe each other and hence the gulf which is gradually becoming unbridgeable. From the situation prevailing all over the world at present it is very clear that union of nations is a necessity if humanity is to progress further and union of nation means wiping out of all such gulfs—big or small. Without love that is not possible. And love comes from the heart and not from the head. But

Reason's field of activities is the head and not the heart and therefore it cannot guide us any more. So, if we still cling to Reason we cannot find the way out of the labyrinth which we ourselves have created with the help of Reason and we will have to go on groping.

Son : Then who will guide you hereafter?

Grandson : Intuition—the torch-bearer of Truth. In the past we were led by Instinct and thereafter by Intellect—our reasoning mind and now the time has come when we are to still our reasoning mind then Intuition shall come from within to lead us to our future destiny.

From a Member's diary



Harmony and beauty of the mind and soul, harmony and beauty of the thoughts and feelings, harmony and beauty in every outward act and movement, harmony and beauty of the life and surroundings, this is the demand of Mahalakshmi.

SRI AUROBINDO

There must be order and harmony in work. Even what is apparently the most significant thing must be done with perfect perfection, with a sense of cleanliness, beauty, harmony and order.

THE MOTHER

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bellaghata: It held its monthly meeting on 22.7.84 with the tape-recorded music of the Mother, when Sri G. K. Roy presided.

Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, the Chief Guest of the meeting explained that the purpose of Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana was to hasten the process of evolution for the manifestation of a higher consciousness which was a necessity for the establishment of a Divine Society in this world.

Sri D.N. Sur, Chairman of the Centre requested all the members present to donate their mite to World Union to help it tide over the financial difficulties. Sri Deepak Chakrabarty--a focus member of the Centre donated a few books of Sri Aurobindo to the Centre.

Bangalore: Under the joint auspices of World Union Bangalore Centre, World Union National Centre India and Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs a Seminar was organised on the 7th August 1984 when Sri P. N. Haksar, former Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission spoke on "The Present Situation—National and International". Sri K. V. Raghunatha Reddy, former Minister of Labour, Govt. of India, presided.

Central Calcutta: In its general meeting held on 14.7.84 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Swapan Mukherjee, Sarbasri Somnath Roy and Kamalakanto Acharya discussed the activities of World Union in Calcutta.

Calcutta: Sri Arun Kishore Mukherjee chaired its monthly meeting held on 28.7.84. It was resolved that members would participate in the ensuing World Union Day.

New Alipur. It held its monthly meeting on 2nd August 1983 with a chorus music by Mira Mukherjee. Suchanda Nag and Tanuja Mukherjee followed by reading from Savitri by Mira Mukherjee. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee read out a few passages from Champaklal's diary describing the child-like innocence of Sri Aurobindo. Dr. Mukherjee then explained Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana and how it differs from other traditional yogas. He indicated that in Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana World Union was an intermediate stage.

Salt Lake It held its 37th and 38th monthly meetings on 14.7.84 and 11.8.84 respectively. In its 37th meeting started with a song offered by Smt. Rani De and group meditation Dr. R.K. De, Chairman of the Centre discussed Sri Aurobindo's philosophy in general in the light of Rig-Veda and Upanishads as also Western Philosophy.

On 11.8.84 in its 38th meeting Dr. R.K. De discussed Sri Aurobindo's philosophy in the light of Taittiriya Upanishad giving special stress on 'Ananda'---'Bhumalpa Sukham'. The discussion was appreciated by all.

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A CALL TO ALL PEOPLE OF THE EARTH

Terrorism is increasing. One notices all around violence, reckless killings, dacoities, robberies, harassment of women and girls. Population of the world is constantly on the increase. Individuals and institutions are careless of the pollution of water and air and negligent of environmental decadence. No action is taken against the spread of deserts. Debts due by the Third World Countries, particularly due by some of the South American Nations, and interest payable on these debts have become extremely unbearable to the debtors, but the creditors do not care the least. Expenses incurred on armies and armaments, particularly on nuclear arms, are constantly on the increase, which money, if utilised for the development of earth's resources all around would tend to abolish poverty and hunger from the world. Considering that no steps are taken for the solution of these and other problems facing humanity it seems that either life on Planet Earth would drift towards extinguishment or the Divine may, not gradually but suddenly, change radically the present world, its civilisation and culture and shape the same on the basis of a higher consciousness.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

One World:

Mahatma Gandhi once stated: "Nationalism is not the highest concept. The highest concept is world community. I would not like to live in this world if it is not to be One World. Our objective is One World; we have to work for it and the brotherhood of humanity."

Arnold Toynbee stated once: "If the human race is to survive, we shall have to make a revolutionary break with the traditional order of priorities in our loyalties. We shall have to transfer our paramount loyalty from our respective fragments of the human race to the human race itself."

We recommend strongly to all individuals and institutions in the world working for the welfare of humanity or any fragment of humanity, in whatever field or way, to work in cooperation with each other for the solution of the problems facing humanity and in doing so act as the members of One World.

Sri Aurobindo, while closing the Postscript Chapter to his book "The Ideal of Human Unity" wrote: "This is a mutable world and uncertainties and dangers might assail or trouble for a time; the formed structure might be subjected to revolutionary tendencies as new ideas and forces emerged and produced their effect on the general mind of humanity but the essential step would have been taken and the future of the race assured or at least the present era over-passed in which it is threatened and disturbed by unsolved needs and difficulties, precarious conditions, immense upheavals, huge and sanguinary world-wide conflicts and the threat of others to come. The ideal of human unity would be no longer an unfulfilled ideal but an accomplished fact and its preservation given into the charge of the united human peoples."

Sardar Patel University-Vallabh Vidyanagar

Forum for Peace—Report received from Dr. D.D. Jadeja:

Under the auspice of the Forum for Peace of the Sardar Patel University Dr. Ganesh N. Devy, Reader in English, M. S. University of Baroda and Assistant Editor of 'SETU' (journal of Indian Literature in translation) delivered a talk on "Culture and Consciousness" on Thursday, August 2, 1984 at the Nalini and Arvind Arts College.

Dr. Devy tried to seek a dichotomy between culture and consciousness. Consciousness, through which we comprehend reality, is the totality of man's perception. It has a creative power. It not only feels but also expresses itself in work of art which is aesthetically satisfying. Consciousness has a tremendously dynamic force. It can operate on past, present and future, grasping complexities, he said.

Talking about culture he said that culture is the creation of consciousness, it addresses itself to the past. The movement involved in culture is slow-speaking of a war memorial as a cultural piece he said that there is something tragic, artificial and hypocritical about culture. Culture pulls us away from reality. Culture falsifies consciousness, Dr. Devy emphatically stated.

He held that consciousness, not culture, can bring about peace and happiness. Emancipation from culture and going back to consciousness can help the emergence of peace. He indicated how Kabir, Tulsidas and Sri Aurobindo broke away from tradition, operated through consciousness and spread the message of peace.

An interesting discussion followed. Some did not favour Dr. Devy's dichotomy between consciousness and culture. They held that culture is not deadweight of the past.

Shri S. Mukherjee welcomed the guest speaker and audience and Dr. D. S. Mishra proposed a vote of thanks. The talk began with a prayer by Kumari Rajeshwari Jadeja.

World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal

Celebration of World Union Day—Report received from Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya:

On 26th August 1984 World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal, observed World Union Day collectively with a day long programme at Workers Education Centre of Baranagar Jute Mill under the hostage of C N.S. Centre.

After the flag hoisting by the West Bengal Regional Chairman Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, the morning session started having Sri N.C. Roy in the chair. After collective meditation Sri Rabin Bhattacharya gave a welcome address followed by Regional Secretary's report by Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya and Regional Chairman's report by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee. Next Prof. Pratul Chatterjee discussed the social thought of Sri Aurobindo and Sri N. C. Roy on World Union idea in his presidential speech.

Post lunch Seminar session was started at 2 PM having Sri P. P. Bhattacharya in the chair on the theme "National Integration and World Union". At the very start the message received from Sri A. B. Patel, General Secretary, World Union International, was read out by the Regional Secretary. The theme of the Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee (New Alipur) and the participants were—Prof. (Smt.) Ranjana Mitra (Sodepur), Smt. Anjali Roy (Salt Lake), Sri Kanai Chatterjee (Dutta Pukur), Dr. Biswanath Baral (Chandernagore), Sri Badal Chakraborty (Bon-Hooghly), Sri D.K. Bhattacharya (Alambazar), Sri L. N. Dutta (Calcutta), Sri Bilwadal Bhattacharya (Srima), Sri R. N. Bhattacharya (C.N.S.) and three others of Baranagar Centre namely Prof. Pratul Chatterjee, Sri Ambika Charan Basak and Sri Ananda and Regional Secretary Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya, North Calcutta Centre. Garia Centre and others graced the occasion by their presence.

The Chairman, Sri Bhattacharya pointed out in his presidential speech that let us love God, who is also a love. And as nothing exists without Him, let us love God in the individual, in the country, in the humanity. This love integrates character, nation and humanity in different dimensions simultaneously. Our intense love shall conquer the divisive forces.

Further donations received by World Union:

The following donations have been received:

1. Mrs. Savita Patel, London	...	Rs. 100-00
2. Mr. G. Frank Craig, USA	...	Rs. 100-00
3. Sri Basudev Mukherjee, Chatra	...	Rs. 100-00

TOTAL	...	<u>Rs. 300-00</u>
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The total amount received so far is Rs. 31,270/40.



General Secretary
September 19, 1984

MEMBERS' PAGE

It is encouraging that Shri J. N. Puri who attended the first World Citizens' Assembly (WCA) held at San Francisco, U.S.A. on July 25, 1975 responded to our request made through this 'PAGE' of August 1984 issue.

In his letter he discussed at length how and why the Assembly was set up as also progress of work for the last ten years. He indicated that the formation of World Citizens' Assembly was a stage of humanity's march towards 'ONE-WORLD', because World Citizenship helps a global awareness to grow in man when he cannot deny his individual responsibility in matters relating to global problems and their solution. From this fact it can be easily realised the role of the Assembly in the formation of a World Government. Very recently in July 1984 the Assembly started to effectuate a programme to "shift from global arms race to a global environmental recovery race" and launched a dynamic world-wide campaign to abolish war to make the world a peaceful abode of mankind. This is for the information of members of World Union in general.

Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Chairman, Regional Centre West Bengal stated particularly for the information of the questioner that:

- (a) Sri Aurobindo could not say anything about World Citizenship Movement as his way was of *practice* instead of *movement*.
- (b) World State is a becoming and that may only come if and when that universal being—innate with us, gets manifested. If we utterly fail in aspiration for the grace of manifestation, nature will compel us through due tragedies.

To the above statement of Sri Bhattacharya it may also be added that Sri Aurobindo concluded the 35th Chap. of "The Ideal of Human Unity"—Summary and Conclusion, indicating— "... could such a realisation (that is to say a spiritual oneness which would create psychological oneness not dependent upon any intellectual or outward uniformity by mechanical means), develop rapidly in mankind we might then solve the problem of unification in a deeper and truer way from the inner truth to the outer forms. Until then, the attempt to bring it about by *mechanical means* must proceed." It is true that he did not say anything about World Citizens' Assembly; but the words "mechanical means"—include all the activities of so many world organisations including W.C.A., striving for the formation of a World State.

So, their activities must proceed until true World Union is achieved.

DIALOGUE (26)

AIM OF HUMAN LIFE

Teacher : Last Wednesday in my class I asked you all to indicate in one single sentence—
“What is the aim of human life?” And I received answers only from ten of you.
That day the hour was up and I could not discuss the answers. I took the papers
with me for examination. One answer attracted me very much and that is Naren-
dra’s. But still I’ve got some questions to ask. Narendra what was your answer?
Please speak loudly so that every one in the class can hear.

Narendra : My answer was—‘To rise above manhood is the aim of human life.’

Teacher : But one of your friends answered—“To love humanity is the aim of human life.”
And a few other answered—“To serve all living beings as *Shiva* is the aim of
human life.” Have you got anything to say on this?

Narendra : Yes Sir! It is very difficult,—nay impossible for us to love entire humanity truly
because so long as we remain as man we are bound up with certain ego-centric
limitation which always prevent us from becoming disinterested and desireless. It
is more so to think all living beings as Shiva.

Teacher : Very good. But how can a man rise above manhood? Is it possible for him to
rise above himself by his own endeavour?

Narendra : No Sir! Man by his own effort can not make himself more than a man. His own
endeavour may make him a great scientist, a great physician, a great engineer, a
great architect, a great patriot, a great statesman, a great industrialist, a great
litterateur, a great artist, even a great altruist and philanthropist; but still then he is
a man with all his greatness. So here, in his effort he needs some aid from above
and that is Divine Grace. His effort aided by the Grace can only raise him above
his limitation when he becomes an ego-free being, a being free from all human
limitations. Only then it is possible for him to love humanity truly as the image of
Shiva. And therefore my answer was “To rise above manhood is the aim of human
life.”

Teacher : Now I suppose it is clear to you all including those who answered otherwise.

Students : Yes Sir.

From a Member's diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

CELEBRATION OF WORLD UNION DAY AND TWO DECADES OF THE PRESIDENSHIP OF THE MOTHER

Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row, President, World Union Bangalore Centre, reports that World Union National Centre-India, World Union Southern Regional Centre and World Union Bangalore Centre jointly celebrated World Union Day and two decades of the Mother's Presidentship of World Union on the 25th August 1984 at the Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, Bangalore when Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau presided. Sri S. V. Sabins, Secretary, Sri Aurobindo Society, Karnataka was the Guest Speaker.

Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row welcomed the guests and invitees after Smt. Geetha Seshadri's melodious song of invocation of the blessings of Saraswati.

The Guest Speaker, Sri S. V. Sabins gave a brief outline of the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo.

In his Presidential address Justice Sri Rau explained the significance of the celebration of the day.

The Secretary, World Union Bangalore Centre, Sri B. V. Subbarayan proposed vote of thanks.

To memorise the happy occasion the Centres published a folder giving useful information about the World Union Movement in Kanada language and distributed the same among all present.

Inspite of the Bandh in Bangalore on 25th August 1984 the function was well attended.

World Union Centres:

Beliaghata: It held its 18th monthly meeting on the 15th August 1984 when the members celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti under the Presidentship of Sri Debendranath Sur.

After tape-recorded music of the Mother and group concentration Sri G.K. Roy, Secretary of the Centre read out portions from "PONDICHERRY KATODOOR"—a Bengali booklet of Sri Samar Basu. The venue of the meeting was beautifully decorated with flowers and pictures and a serene atmosphere persisted all through.

Bhagabat Ashram (Chelyama): The members celebrated World Union Day on the 20th August 1984 with collective meditation and reading from selected portion of Sri Aurobindo's books and explanation of his 'Third Dream'.

Central Calcutta: Sri Aurobindo's 112th birth anniversary was celebrated by the members in a befitting and sanctified manner on the 15th August 1984 when Sri Swapan Mukherjee presided. Sri Pradeep Banerjee, Secretary of the Centre discussed the political activities of Sri Aurobindo. Besides the members, many boys and girls of the locality attended the celebration.

Domjur: The members of the Centre organised regular weekly meetings on 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th July 1984 when various aspects of Sri Aurobindo's and the Mother's lives were discussed from the books—Sri Aurobindo's "Jiban O Yoga" and "Ke Ei Ma"? Dr.

Sukumar Mukherjee visited the Centre on the 5th and discussed Sri Aurobindo's '*Atmanas Siddhi*' and its aim. The members celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti and the completion of two decades of Presidentship of World Union by the Mother in a whole day programme from dawn to dusk. The programme started with hoisting of the Mother's flag along with National flag and meditation for 20 minutes with tape-recorded music of the Mother. The morning session ended with distribution of sweets among the children and the members' embracing with each other with an oath to work together.

Evening session was organised in the Village Library hall when Sri Jaydev Pal, Headmaster of Dafarpur Prabartak School presided. Dr. G. M. Sinha Roy was the Chief Guest and Sri Chittaranjan Mukherjee attended the programme as a special guest. Sri Ramachandra Manna, Headmaster, Gobtola High School and Sri Anup Kumar Motilal, B. D. Q., Domjur Block spoke on the occasion.

A small bookshop was opened for selling of books of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. Besides, cyclostyled pamphlets (in Bengali) of selected pieces from the Mother and Sri Aurobindo were distributed. Local singers offered devotional songs which made the whole programme enchanting and sanctified.

Kanpur: On August 20, the members celebrated World Union Day and Silver Jubilee of World Union under the Presidentship of Paramarthi K. K. Gupta, an eminent social worker.

Shiksha Shastri Shri R. N. Singh Kushwah recited a few Sanskrit quotations and explained them with reference to the movement of World Union. Dr. S. M. Misra narrated his own experience in U. S. A. where the teachers, philosophers and other enlightened personalities were keenly interested in the teachings of the Mother & Sri Aurobindo. Shri Parmatma Charan Misra, Dr. Mahesh Prasad Shukla and a few other persons spoke on Sri Aurobindo's conception of Soul's happiness. Prof. R. K. Awasthi, Secretary of the Centre informed of the activities of the Centre and invited all to join the movement. A very attractive pamphlet on the occasion of two decades of Presidentship of the Mother, containing a brief outline of World Union Movement was published and distributed. The meeting ended with collective meditation and distribution of Prasadam.

Lucknow: It celebrated World Union Day and two decades of the Mother's Presidentship of World Union on 29th August 1984 at Baha'is house, Lucknow in collaboration with Baha'is. Shri Narendra Sen, Shrimati Bharati Gandhi and Dr. Munje of Lucknow spoke on the occasion. In his Presidential address Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, Vice—Chairman, World Union International, Pondicherry, emphasised that without inner unity and harmony, human unity can not be achieved and hence the World Union Movement was based on spiritual foundation.

Nandura (Purulia): The members celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti on the 15th August 1984 when a few members discussed various aspects of the Movement and explained the necessity of studying Sri Aurobindo's teachings at this most critical time of human history.

New Delhi (Motibagh): On the 20th August 1984 the members of this Centre met at the residence of Sri J. N. Puri. Sri S. Venugopalan presided. The subject discussed was 'LORD KRISHNA & HUMAN WELFARE'. Members took part in the discussion. The discussions centred round the role of various seers and saints like Sri Aurobindo, the Mother and Lord Krishna, in the human welfare aspects. Sri Venugopalan opened the discussion giving details

of social activities all over the country. Sri S.L. Ohri, Vice-President of the Centre dwelt upon the contribution of Sri Aurobindo and Lord Krishna to spiritual and human welfare of the community. The lessons of Gita were shared by all the participants.

In the evening members joined Sri Aurobindo Jayanti celebration at Delhi Branch of Sri Aurobindo Ashram.

Youth of World Union and World Citizenship also joined the celebration of Sri Aurobindo and Lord Krishna at the residence of Sri J. N. Puri. They were young men and women, more than 20 in number. It was decided that the group would meet once in a month and invite speakers from outside. It was further decided that as part of International Year for Youth, the topics of Universal application of the Concept of Human Unity, Universal Education building a World Community and building temple of understanding would be discussed. Sri Sunil Puri was elected Coordinator and Executive Director of International Affairs and would maintain link with all other like-minded Organisations in India and abroad. The youths were requested to join the World Union Movement.

After the happy meet light refreshment was supplied in celebration of the birthday of Sri Aurobindo and Lord Krishna.

New Alipur: In its monthly meeting held on the 6th September 1984 it organised a musical drama presented by 'Sura Sangha'. Barnali, Tanuja, Suchchanda Smriti participated. The whole function was conducted by Mira Mukherjee. A passage from Nalinida about the present preparation for future humanity was read out by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee.

North Calcutta: 124th monthly meeting of the Centre was held on 20th July 1984 when Sri Sujit Kr. Palit, read out from the Mother's Conversation (in Bengali) a piece on "Ordinary Life and Spiritual Life".

On the 14th August 1984 on the happy occasion of Sri M. P. Pandit's visit an assembly of members and interested persons was arranged when Sri Pandit spoke on 'The Mother's Work for Transformation'. He pointed out that the Mother's work for transformation was not something far from our common lives. She asked us to change our way of living to get prepared for greater life. Sri Pandit indicated ample illustrations—how one should conduct one's daily life. The meeting started with devotional songs offered by Basanti Rao and ended with the song of Rabi Ghosh.

In its 125th monthly meeting held on 20th August 1984 the members observed "World Union Day". After devotional songs Sri Sujit Kr. Palit briefly spoke about the importance and significance of the day. He explained the ideals and aims of World Union. Then the members celebrated the day by offering songs. Sri Susanto Mittra was on the chair. A booklet of Sri Samar Basu published on the 15th August was displayed.

Rishra: It held its monthly meetings on 28th June and 17th July 1984.

In its June 1984 meeting Sri Deb Kumar Das read out Bengali supplements published to commemorate the Silver Jubilee Year. Sri K. P. Dutta presided. In its July 1984 meeting Sri Deb Kr. Das discussed "Juga Bibartan". Sri K. P. Dutta was on the chair. The members observed World Union Day on the 29th August 1984 with reading of Durga Stotra followed by group meditation. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee enlightened the members with his lucid and very attractive speech on "What is Mother and why this World Union Movement?"

Salt Lake: It celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti on the 25th August 1984 with recital

of Rabindranath's famous poem on Sri Aurobindo. Sri S. K. Chowdhury, Vice-Chairman of the Centre gave an outline of Sri Aurobindo's revolutionary activities and Dr. R.K. De, Chairman discussed Sri Aurobindo's philosophy and his spiritual contribution to the world.

In its 39th monthly meeting on 8. 9. 84 the Secretary who attended the 25th Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee held at Pondicherry on the 16th August 1984 reported the proceedings of the meeting to the members of her Centre. This meeting of the Centre also approved of a draft pamphlet to be published and distributed among peoples as suggested by the General Secretary & Treasurer of World Union on the happy occasion of two decades of Presidentship of the Mother. Then Dr. R.K. De explained how the 'Illimitable' is manifested in a form of limit.

Sibpur: It held its monthly class on 8th July 1984 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on 'Uniqueness of Sri Aurobindo as the Yogi and his synthesis of Yoga'. Sri Indu Bhusan Sinha Roy explained the idea—"Even the body shall remember God." In its meeting held on 12.8.84 the Secretary appealed to all members to contribute liberally to World Union to enable it to tide over the financial crisis. Then Dr Gour Mohan Sinha Roy read out from Savitri (Canto V) and lucidly explained the Canto. The members celebrated the 112th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo on the 15th August when Sri Promode Mukherjee briefly narrated the role of Sri Aurobindo as a revolutionist.

Sodepur: Prof. Ranjana Mitra, Secretary of the Centre intimates that Sri Tejan Das, Asst. Secretary with a few friends covered 8000 km by cycle and visited many places in Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra etc. Radio and T. V. authorities of various cities allowed them to talk on their tour for 20 minutes. They visited Pondicherry and met Sri A. B. Patel. They started from Calcutta on 8-4-84 and returned on the 26th July 1984.

Sultanpur: The members celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti and World Union Day on the 15th and 20th August 1984 in a befitting and sanctified manner in collaboration with the members of the Local Unit of Sri Aurobindo Society. The distribution of the booklet "Yogiraj Sri Aurobindo" (published in Hindi) among members and interested persons was a part of the programme of World Union Day. Besides, the Centre organised essay competition among Local students in two groups (i) classes IX and X; (ii) XI and XII. The subject of the essays were—"The World of my Dreams" and "Creation of a New Age" respectively. Best essayists were awarded prizes and Certificates of merit on World Union Day.

Sri S. Das Gupta spoke of "Integral Yoga" giving stress on "surrender" on the occasion of Sri Aurobindo Jayanti.

Tamluk & Mahishadal: The members of Tamluk and Mahishadal Centres jointly celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti on the 14th and 15th August which was attended by thousands of peoples from various parts of the district. The members staged playlet, organised recital and musical programmes. A chariot nicely decorated with flowers carrying the portraits of the Mother, Sri Aurobindo, Sri Ramakrishna and Sri Sri Ma was pulled by the people which created great enthusiasm and inspired the young boys and girls who were gradually becoming interested in World Union Movement.

Uttarpara: It held its 131st monthly meeting on 11th August when Sri S. K. Gupta read out from Sri Samar Basu' booklet "PONDICHERRY KATODOOR". Sarbasri Srinivas

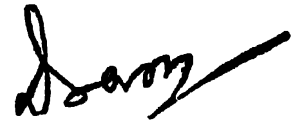
Chatterjee, Sri Amiya Majumdar and Sri R. N. Banerjee as also Sri S. K. Gupta participated in the discussion

On the 15th August 1984 the members celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti by offering of flowers to the Mother and Sri Aurobindo and group meditation. After devotional songs offered by Km Nabanita Bhattacharya, Sri S K Gupta read out from Sri Aurobindo's Bengali passage on 'Fraternity' (*Bhratritwa*) and Sri N.K. Roy spoke on the Life and Teachings of Sri Aurobindo. Sri Sunirmal Bhattacharya entertained the devotees with his melodious devotional songs

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WORLD PROBLEMS

Nationalism and national sovereignty served the evolutionary process of mankind, and were in the past a necessary part of humanity's onward march. Now the world has reached a stage when world problems abound and no nation, however powerful, can manage to solve world problems and free humanity from their grip. Time has come when nationalism must be restricted to each nation's boundaries and a portion of each nation's sovereignty must be vested in a World Authority for the resolution of world problems. Man still continues to live in the past with his old ideas and outlooks. He overlooks to realise that this world has totally changed during the last fifty or hundred years and has been changing rapidly. Unless it is fully grasped by national leaders there is likely to be utter chaos in the world.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Graduate School of World Problems:

Under the leadership of Mr. Philip Isely, World Constitution and Parliament Association of U. S. A. has opened in September-October 1984 a Graduate School of World Problems, in the vicinity of Denver, Colorado, as the result of two years of preparation. The School is opening as an autonomous division of the International Association of Educators for World Peace, having tax exemption status as an NGO affiliate of Unesco.

First Chancellor of the School is Dr. Charles Mercieca, founder and Executive Vice President of the International Association of Educators for World Peace. Dr. Mercieca, originally from the island country of Malta, is a long time University Professor in the fields of education and world affairs. Proficient in 7 languages, Dr. Mercieca has travelled and lectured in 56 countries of 5 continents, has organised several international conferences on peace and education, and has served as director of several UNESCO Seminars.

The purpose of the Graduate School, as defined in the Charter adopted by the first session of the Provisional World Parliament in September 1982, is to prepare individuals to work on solutions to world problems in the context of a global human society, with an emerging world parliament and democratic Federal World Government.

This marks a fundamental departure from most peace and international affairs educational programs, which are usually drawn within the limits of national sovereignty, with the outlook that solutions to world problems must continue to be negotiated among national governments which intend to remain sovereign in international affairs. In contrast, the philosophy of the GSWP is that adequate solutions to most of the global problems confronting humanity today, can be achieved only in the context of world federation, or an emerging world federation. This approach sweeps away a host of unnecessary and fatal obstacles to world peace which are attached to the vested interests of national sovereignty.

The courses of study at the GSWP will be divided into several broad divisions:

- (A) Orientation to the Global View, and Philosophy for living on One Earth;
- (B) Requirements for world peace, and for peaceful solutions to world problems;
- (C) Democratic Non-military World Government, the Constitution for the Federation of Earth, the Provisional World Parliament, and the World Constituent Assembly;
- (D) Detailed study of particular world problems, interrelationships, and possible solutions, all in the context of emerging world federation;
- (E) Specific programs and projects to solve world problems; In particular, the legislation of the Provisional World Parliament, proposals for other world legislation, and strategies for implementation;
- (F) Preparation for professional work on the design and implementation of the various departments and agencies of world government, under the Constitution for the Federation of Earth.

As an educational institution, the GSWP does not organise or recruit personnel for any of the programs which may be subjects for study at the school. But the GSWP definitely aims to offer courses of study, research, and preparation by which its students may become competent for the work of devising and implementing practical solutions to the global problems of humanity.

Immediately upon opening, the GSWP will be able to offer extension campuses for special study at universities and colleges in at least 12 countries. This is made possible through the existing network of the International Association of Educators for World Peace, which includes cooperating universities in Bulgaria, Canada, Cameroon, Colombia, Denmark, India, Indonesia, Japan, Italy, Kuwait, Liberia, Malta, Nigeria, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Thailand, U.S.A., and other countries.

In addition to a resident faculty, the GSWP will have visiting Professors and resource persons from various countries. The first, during the fall of 1984 is expected to be Dr. Terence Amerasinghe, an advocate of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, Editor of *Aizen World*, and Jt. Deputy Secretary General of the World Constitution and Parliament Association.

Student applications and tax deductible contributions should be addressed to the Graduate School of World Problems, 1480 Hoyt Street, Suite 24/Lakewood, Colorado 80215, U. S. A.

Commencement of the Graduate School of World Problems:

The Graduate School of World Problems has commenced with 3 students on September 18. The GSWP is beginning with 2 or 3 seminars a week at the new office of the School in

Room 25, 1480 Hoyt Street., Lakewood, CO 80215. The first contingent of students (from San Diego, Pennsylvania and Colorado) are trainees for the Earth Rescue Corps. More are expected during the next few months. It is probable that the Chancellor-elect, Dr. Charles Mercieca, will not arrive to assume full time duties before January 1, 1985. Much depends on obtaining some grants for funding.

Further donations received by World Union:

The following donations have been received:

1. Sally Swenson, Canada	. . .	Rs. 2, 200-00
2. Mrs. Sangeeta M. Gulvani, Bombay	. . .	Rs. 51-00
3. Mr. William Greaves, U. S. A.	. . .	Rs. 385-00
4. Sri Sujit Kr. Palit, Calcutta	. . .	Rs. 100-00
TOTAL		. . . <u>Rs. 2.736-00</u>

The total amount received so far is Rs. 34,006/40



General Secretary
October 19, 1984

MEMBERS' PAGE

It may be recollected that through this 'PAGE' of July 1984 issue, we requested our members to send such questions pertaining to our MOVEMENT as may be raised by any member at anytime during the course of his/her working for World Union. Now we have received three such questions from a member residing at Pondicherry. For the perusal of all other members the said questions are enumerated hereunder with the hope that suitable answers to them may be forthcoming from the members for publication in this 'PAGE'. It is needless to mention that right answers to the questions will be of much help for the general progress of the movement. The questions are:-

- (1) How can the Concept of World Unity be practised in one's day-to-day-life, if one is (i) a Physician, (ii) a Lawyer, (iii) a Teacher, (iv) a Businessman or (v) a Commoner?
- (2) Is'nt there any necessity for conducting workshops to train up young students so that they may be able to work for World Unity in their respective colleges or universities? If so, how can the workshop be organised? Please indicate in detail.
- (3) Nations are still seen busy in settling down their border-disputes. How then shall they be made ready for greater and nobler agglomeration?

DIALOGUE (27)

A FRIEND INDEED

(One night Sri Harishankar, when he was in a very happy mood called his personal servant to his room and asked. . .)

Harishankar : Have you had your dinner Somenath? Then please be seated here. . .No . . . No, not there on the floor . . .here on this chair by my side. Yes, very good. Now I like to ask you a question,—you are absolutely free to answer it.

Somenath : But Sir! shall I be able to answer it? I've got but very little education. do'nt know how to . . .

Harishankar : You need not worry Somenath, the question is very simple. It can't be put to anybody else. So I called you.

Somenath : Have I done anything wrong Sir? Please forgive me Sir! I shall never do it again.

Harishankar : No, no, Somenath, you did nothing wrong. I think you're getting frightened. Look here, freely at my face. 'Am no longer your master and you are not my servant. We are now friends. I know you have got many ideas and like to do many things, which you cannot because of your penury and position. So, I like to know what kind of work you like most to do and feel happy?

Somenath : I believe Sir! I shall feel extremely happy to serve an orphanage—if it is set up by you and your friends with the money that you are spending daily for drinking. Excuse me Sir,—this is my humble desire.

Harishankar : Oh, Somenath! It is very good, very good. But you know that we are very much addicted to it. It is perhaps not possible for us to go without it. However, we'll see what can be done for you.

Somenath : But Sir, I do'nt intend to have money to start the orphanage. It wish to be its sincere servitor, not founder.

Harishankar : Then what do you expect of us? How it will be organised?

Somenath : Excuse me Sir. I shall be very much happy if you attend the orphanage after it is set up, daily in the evening when you usually go to the bar. You need not look after it—that work the servitor will do. You are to attend daily in the evening and that will help me a lot to do what is needed.

Harishankar : Oh, How nice! Somenath, you are really my friend. Let me be worthy of having (with a smile) your companionship.

From a member's diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bangalore: It organised a Seminar in collaboration with the Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs on the 8th September 1984 when Sri N. S. Rao, a Vice-Chairman of World Union and Co-President of W. C. P. A. spoke on the subject "World Government—Why and How?"

On the 15th September 1984 it conducted as a part of its 'Youth Programme' an inter-college debate contest on the subject "The study of Arts and Humanities is more conducive to usher in World Unity and Peace than the study of Science and Technology". Seven colleges participated with their teams of two students from each—one speaking for and the other against the proposition. The Rajagopal Rolling Shield was awarded to the winner—the Mount Carmel College. The first prize was won by Sri Masood Ali Taher of Al-Ameen College and the second one by Sri Bhadrinath Rao of St. Joseph's College. The third prize was awarded to Smt. Shalim Mathias of Mt. Carmel College. All the prize owners spoke against the proposition. The Seminar and the debate were held at the Hall of Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs.

Chakradharpur: It observed Sri Aurobindo Jayanti in a befitting and sanctified manner on the 15th August 1984 in collaboration with the members of Sri Aurobindo Society. The Programme started with the hoisting of the Mothers' flag, flower offering and then meditation. The members conducted 'Swadhyay' of Durga Stotra with introduction on the Mother's vision on Durga Stotra as written by Sri K. B. Ghose, Chairman of the World Union Centre.

On the 20th August 1984 the members observed World Union Day jointly with the members of Sri Aurobindo Society. 'Swadhyay' on Human Unity was conducted as directed by Sri K. B. Ghose.

Domjur: It held its weekly meets on the 19th and 26th August and 2nd, 9th and 16th September 1984 when regular discussions, reading of 'The Essays on the Gita' and 'Ma-er Ashirbad' followed by group meditation were conducted.

On the 23rd September 1984 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee visited the Centre and explained how a Centre can be superbly organised. He gave much stress on the students' participation in its activities. He also suggested to start a mobile library. The members of the Centre gladly accepted his suggestion.

Khar: It celebrated World Union Day at 'Sahakar' on 20-8-84 when Shree Shantibhai Patel gave an illuminating and thought provoking talk on 'Sri Aurobindo and World Union'.

He explained how Nature has been working for the realisation of the Ideal of Human Unity as envisioned by Sri Aurobindo.

It also held a meeting jointly with the Sri Aurobindo Society at the same venue on the 1st September 1984 when Sri Jayantibhai Patel, Chairman, World Union National Centre-U. K. spoke in a very lucid way on the objects and activities of World Union. He indicated that the evolution in the social, economic, political and religious life of mankind would pave the way to World Union.

He explained how mankind would realise the truth of 'Panch-Sil' of World Union viz. (1) Unity without Uniformity: (2) Synthesis without Compromise: (3) Uniqueness without Superiority: (4) Diversity without Divisiveness: and (5) Co-existence without Constriction. He also explained the responsible role the W.C.P.A. had been playing for the formation of a World Government and concluded his optimistic note saying "What Sri Aurobindo had visioned is now within the grasp of humanity."

On 2-9-84 Sri Patel visited the sanctuary of Peace and Harmony Centre. Mr. Shapoorjee — Trustee of the Sanctuary and his wife, Shri Patel and Sri N.S. Amin took part in the lively discussion on Peace and Harmony.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Rao hosted dinner at their residence.

Lucknow: It held a meeting in collaboration with the Baha'is of Lucknow on 26-9-84 to discuss the problem of the youth in the context of the International Youth Year 1985. Dr. Miss K. Sabarwal, a Life Member of World Union and Retd. Principal of Mahila College, Lucknow presided. Shri Om Prakash a research scholar of Lucknow University indicated that the modern youth were not well aware of the aim of his life. Some Baha'is youth pointed out the problem of unemployment, while Miss Sunæta Gandhi, a research scholar in Cambridge University (then in Lucknow for a short visit) encouraged the youth to take part in the service of humanity. Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal, a Vice-Chairman of World Union International Centre Pondicherry, indicated that the concept of 'youth' did not depend on physical age but on psychological energy, with which one could serve the mankind.

In her Presidential address Dr. Sabarwal summed up the views of the speakers and Mrs. Bharati Gandhi a Life Member of World Union proposed vote of thanks.

New Alipur: On the 4th October 1984 members observed Vijaya Dashami Day with recital of Durga Stotra by Km. Tanuja Mukherjee. After the Mother's tape-recorded "Declaration" Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the purpose of Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana. He indicated that his Sadhana was not for world-shunning asceticism but for the permanent establishment of world peace and harmony in diversity. "A new consciousness has descended on earth and the world has now the capacity to become conscious of its own unity", Dr. Mukherjee concluded.

North Calcutta: It held its 126th monthly meeting on the 20th September 1984 with devotional songs, group concentration and chanting of hymns. Then Sri S.K. Palit read a prose-peace written on the basis of the Mother's valuable comments on "Sleep and Dreams". Another article of the Mother on "Bringing up of Children and Child Education"

was also read and followed by discussion when several members put practical questions re: difficulty of imparting spiritual education to the children in the present system of education. The conclusion was that a change would take place if the effort to establish a truthful standard, were sincere because then only the Divine would aid human endeavour.

Rishra: It held its monthly meeting on the 19th September 1984 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on "Self and Sadhana". Sri K.P. Dutta presided.

Building Maintenance & Alteration Fund:

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PROPER CONDUCT OF WORLD UNION AND ITS MONTHLY JOURNAL

Unprecedented changes are likely to occur before the close of the current century. There could be a bitter struggle between the forces of false-hood and the forces of truth and a large scale destruction of persons and their properties is likely to take place. Perhaps a New World will take shape with a new civilisation and a new culture and old structure of society may dissolve. The present happening of terrorism, violence, dacoities, robberies and harassment of women and girls may completely disappear. In the conduct of World Union and its monthly journal, one may bear in mind these unprecedented changes likely to take place.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

J. N. Puri's Suggestions For The Conduct Of World Union:

Sri J. N. Puri, a prominent worker of World Union in New Delhi and a Coordinator of World Union, wrote to the undersigned a letter dated 22nd October 1984 which was received in Pondicherry on the 26th October 1984 which letter reads as follows:

"I have also received a copy of your letter circular no. 1887/E.C. Meeting/84 dated the 17th October 1984, which spells out the financial crisis that is going to affect the activities of the World Union and the continuance of the publication of "WORLD UNION JOURNAL".

While I am glad that you have decided to move the Centres to procure more and more sources of funds by way of advertisements, I am sure that all other possible avenues will also be tapped for securing more and more funds for the continuance of the activities of the World Union including the monthly journal. You will kindly recall that in the past I had made certain suggestions and I was informed that efforts were being made to consider them. I do not know as to what ultimately happened.

There are a few more suggestions I would like to offer:

(a) There should be all round concerted efforts at all levels to increase the number of subscribers.

(b) There should be concerted efforts by all Centres to generate more funds either by way of donations or by way of advertisements.

(c) World Union International at Pondicherry should have a "SPECIAL FUND" which should be generated and kept available for any possible emergent requirement.

(d) The journal should be made more relevant, important and attractive for the readers and every month all the subscribers should wait for the receipt of their copy anxiously.

(e) The All India level or International level efforts should be made once in a year to appeal to all possible agencies, individuals, businessmen or whatever sphere we can go in to get donations and thus build a permanent fund to ensure that we do not have to face similar situations every time: and

(f) World Union as a Movement for Human Unity should get more momentum all over the world and it should penetrate into all the parts of the world, universities, educational institutions at every level, business community and all other agencies which have some common interests.

To immediately tide over the financial situation all Centres should be asked to generate a donation of Rs. 100/- in the month of December 1984, and the amount should be remitted to Pondicherry latest by 31-12-84, and that fund should be invested in a security which should give higher rate of interest or dividend.

Every year there should be a Special Souvenir issue of the journal and every Centre should be expected to generate funds by way of advertisements to the extent of Rs. 500/- for sure.

Fortunately we have a journal which has been in existence for the last over twenty five years and any such journal having this much of life should become more and more prosperous and should be a source of development rather than to face any crisis of money.

Every big city should have a fund raiser/advertiser to get more and more advertisements on a on going basis.

So far as Delhi is concerned I may assure you that we will do our best to contribute as much as possible, though we will certainly achieve the target fixed by you—one full page advertisement for one year.

Last year, when Shri M. P. Pandit was here in Delhi and gave a talk at India International Centre he had emphasised the need for "UNIVERSAL EDUCATION FOR UNIVERSAL MAN". Our Movement should earnestly work for this wonderful idea and it should be ensured that all the Centres get into this new idea from the beginning of January 1985. To start with there should be atleast one talk in a month on this subject arranged by every Centre. Later the tempo of such meetings and discussions should be accelerated to such an extent that every week there should be a talk and record of the talk delivered should be kept. Ultimately after sometime all the details of the various talks delivered during one year and recorded by all the Centres should be compiled as a book. Then we can move all the like-minded Organisations in the world to join hands and there can be literary and philosophical interaction on one issue and this way we can come closer to each other and at the same time achieve some relationship of cooperation. It is also necessary that there should be greater division of duty at the National and International levels and in this way more good results can be achieved.

I hope I have written much more than what I should have, but I am sure that you will kindly consider all the suggestions and let me know when any real action is taken.

With very best wishes and greetings of the Season.

Sri J. N. Puri wrote again to the undersigned a letter dated 26th October 1984 and received in Pondicherry on the 30th October 1984 which letter reads as follows:

"Whenever an idea comes to my mind on a matter which is of great concern to me I feel like conveying it to you. I do not bother as to what is the end result of it because my object is achieved when it is sent to you and if it is at all considered for the purpose for which it is intended.

Well I have also considered the need for augmenting the funds for the continuation of the journal. I find that apart from dovetailing all the various sources available we should also do things in the same manner as others do. Let business of raising funds be done by the persons who can raise funds and do it in a business like manner.

Our next issue of the World Union journal should not only appeal to the members/Life Members and others for any donations, but it should also invite proposals for appointing Commission Agents in all the major cities of the country and the world. While I have no objection in giving preference to the members if they come forward, or their children if they agree to function as Commission Agents and if not then let the job be done by those who are proficient in the business of getting advertisements. If for any reason you do not wish to publish advertisements which may be unworthy of publication in the journal you will always have the option to refuse such an advertisement. Or you can also issue suitable guidelines for publishing such advertisements.

We should also try our best to ensure that our journal is read, seen and even properly studied by all the educational institutions, men of letters, and if necessary we should raise funds adequate enough to send the journal free of cost for three to six months and then the stage will come that some individuals or institutions will start subscribing to it.

We have been in existence for over 25 years now and we should try to grow and develop rather than contracting or allowing the law of diminishing return operate on us.

Let us offer the opportunities to the youth to come forward, to associate themselves and give some innovative ideas to make this journal of some use, interest and motivating force for them.

Let us also introduce a new series of dedicating half or full one page to the 'YOUTH OF THE WORLD' as part of the I. Y. Y. celebrations during 1985.

NEW AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS MUST CONTINUE TO BE OUR GUIDING FACTOR AND LET US MARCH AHEAD DESPITE CRISIS OF FINANCES ETC. Prof. J. L. Vig who met you recently was here at my house the other day. He stayed with me for one night on Diwali day.

With regards and fond hopes to hear back on this particular letter. I know that every letter written to you is considered by you and then by the Executive Committee.

Special Combined Issue of World Union.

Sri M. P. Pandit, the Chairman of World Union and the Editor of the monthly journal (World Union) has suggested that every year August/September joint issue should be pub-

lished as suggested by Sri J.N. Puri. This has been accepted by all concerned in Pondicherry.

Executive Committee of World Union

The suggestions made by Sri J. N. Puri in his two letters and the suggestion of Sri M. P. Pandit for the Special Combined Issue of August/September every year will be placed before the next Executive Committee of World Union for its decisions. But meanwhile action will be taken on the suggestions made.

Further donations received by World Union

The following donations have been received:

1. Dr. R. E. Johnstone, England	... Rs. 28-90
2. Sri Mohit Kumar Banerjee, Bally	... Rs. 100-00
3. World Union Beliaghata Centre, Calcutta – Contributed by its members as detailed below:	... Rs. 100-00
(a) Sri D. N. Sur	... Rs. 20-00
(b) Sri G. K. Roy	... Rs. 20-00
(c) Sri Jagu Dutta	... Rs. 20-00
(d) Sri Sunil Sarkar	... Rs. 10-00
(e) Sri Kartik Sur	... Rs. 10-00
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(h) Smt. Manjushree Roy	... Rs. 5-00
(i) Smt. Sukla Dey	... Rs. 5-00
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4. Smt. Kalpana Nandi, Bhadrakali	... Rs. 100-00
5. World Union Bangalore Centre, Bangalore	... Rs. 245-40

TOTAL ... Rs. 574-30

The total amount received so far is Rs. 34,580/70



General Secretary
November 19, 1984

MEMBERS' PAGE

May we draw the attention of all the members to the questions—three in number raised by one of our colleagues in Pondicherry published in this 'PAGE' of November 1984 issue and request them to send suitable answers as early as possible for publication in this 'PAGE' of the next or any subsequent issue? It may be seen that all the questions are so important that the right answers to them may be proved to be acutely necessary for the progress of our Movement, and all members old and new alike may feel enthused to have some guidelines through the answers for carrying out the Movement in more and more wider areas.

DIALOGUE (28)

A TEACHING FROM THE TAUGHT

Kamal : When I was a student of class IX or X, we were once asked by our vernacular-teacher to write a short story and show it to him within the period—i.e. 45 minutes. I wrote one and showed it to him. He read and remarked that in future I might be a renowned litterateur. But alas! 'am so unfortunate that I could not fulfil his prediction. That was my first and last short story. I never tried to write another thereafter. Now you see—I may not be a successful man yet 'am happy, without becoming a renowned litterateur.

Neelesh : That I know. I've been hearing this episode several times since I became your class-mate in the College. But still I request you to write a short story for our College-Souvenir to be published on the happy occasion of its centenary this year. They have allotted a format for the ex-students' contribution. Once you were a student of that College and therefore you cannot brush aside their demand. On behalf of the ex-students' section this is my appeal to you.

Kamal : Then you may take that short story which I wrote nearly three decades ago. It still maintains its maidenhood; it has'nt been published anywhere.

Neelesh : What is the theme of that story? Can you recollect?

Kamal : Oh, sure! The theme of the story is very simple,—nothing problematic: "Once an Inspector came to visit a village school. The Headmaster of the School was once

his private tutor. The School was not running properly. False monthly returns were being sent to the Inspector's office.

The Headmaster was very much glad to see his private-student as Inspector. He admired him and expressed how happy and proud was he to see him. But the Inspector did not hesitate to record all lapses in his report. The Headmaster exclaimed—How is it? The Inspector replied—'Am so sorry Sir, this is the result of your teaching. You taught me—'under no circumstance you should shrink from the truth.'—And here ends the story.

Neelesh : It is a unique modern short-story and it shall remain modern for years to come until man learns to live the 'TRUTH'.

From a Member's diary

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ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal:

Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya, Secretary, World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal, reports that on the 1st November 1984 it held a meeting under the Presidentship of Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, to condole the sad demise of late Prime Minister, Smt. Indira Gandhi. The condolence resolution adopted was as under:

"World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal condole the sad demise of Srimati Indira Gandhi the Prime Minister of India who has sacrificed her life not only for the unity and harmony of India but also for the peace and harmony of the world as a whole. Her mission had the base in spirituality and she got inspiration from Rabindranath, Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Aurobindo, Ma Anandamayee and the like. To honour her is to honour her mission of unity and harmony which we pledge to stick to. We all share the agony of pain and sorrow with the members of her family, nation and humanity and pray to God that her departed soul may rest in peace."

World Union Centres:

Bangalore: It held a special meeting in collaboration with the members of South Regional and National Centres on the occasion of the happy visit of Sri Chunilal Goswami and his wife Smt. Sobha Goswami from Calcutta. After tape-recorded music of the Mother Mrs. Goswami offered songs of invocation in Bengali. Mr. Goswami spoke on "Mind, Overmind and Supermind and Maya and their Relevance with World Union". Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau presided.

Beliaghata: In its 19th monthly meeting held on 30-9-84 Sri D. N. Sur, Chairman of the Centre, requested the members to donate their mite to the cause of World Union. Sri G. K. Roy chaired the meeting.

It held its 20th monthly meeting on 27-10-84 with the tape-recorded music of the Mother. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, the Chief Guest, nicely explained the power Durga and Kali and indicated how Sri Aurobindo sought for a special Shakti to solve the world problems. He also stated that the Mother was the embodiment of Shakti who appeared in this earth to carry on the work of Sri Aurobindo. Referring to Durga Stotra Dr. Mukherjee explained how one can be an instrument of the Mother. "This is the purpose of worship of Shakti" he concluded. Sri D. N. Sur presided. A few members from different Centres were also present. A few copies of booklet of Sri Samar Basu—"ANWESHU SAMLAP" were also sold.

Bhanderhati: It held a meeting on the 25th October when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the concept and purpose of Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana. In this context he explained the 'crisis of consciousness' which was very much evident all over the world. He also emphasised that to cross over the crisis man was to become more and more subjective to explore his inner world.

Calcutta: It celebrated World Union Day on 20-8-84 which was also the birth anniversary Day of Sri Krishna (JANMASTAMI) under the Presidentship of Sri Arun Kishore

Mukherjee. Sri L. N. Datta spoke at length explaining the significance of the day and elucidating the characteristic of the Movement as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo to promote universal brother-hood on the basis of spirituality. Sri J. C. Saha spoke about the greatness of Avatar, Sri Krishna and the role played by Him as detailed in the Mahabharata for the cause of establishment of Truth and Justice by annihilating the forces of falsehood. He also indicated that the message of the Gita had universal appeal and approach and therefore, it would surely save mankind from all sorts of global calamities and upheaval and spiritual downfall.

Sri Madan Mohon Chandra explained the various activities of World Union, and laid stress on the work-oriented activities.

Chakradharpur: It celebrated U.N. Day on 24-10-84 with the Sri Aurobindo Society. Its Women-Wing held its 21st monthly meeting on 21-3-84.

Domjur: During Durga Puja holidays it held study classes everyday from 30th September to 4th October 1984 as also on 7th and 14th October when the members read out passages from the Mother's 'Prayers and Meditation' and from Sri Aurobindo's 'Essays on the Gita' and thereafter meditated.

On 21st October 1984 Dr. Mukherjee visited the Centre and discussed various aspects of *Essays on the Gita* and explained the significance of the conflict between the two Shakties—Divine and anti-Divine.

Under his advice the body of the Executive Committee was enlarged.

New Delhi (Motibagh): It held a meeting on the 7th October 1984 under the Presidentship of Sri S. Venugopalan, when sister Brahma Kumari Shanti spoke on "Karma Yoga for Human Happiness". In her educative and informative speech she defined the Karma Yoga and indicated that each human being in this world-theatre was an actor of one kind or the other—none was free from action or duty. So everyone could become a Karma Yogi by following the teachings of the Great Scripture—Bhagwat Gita and would have communion with God. She indicated that practice of Karma Yoga would remove all the vices of greed, anger, hatred, attachment and false pride etc. and emphasised the need of Universal Education for Universal Man of modern times. She also elucidated how through Karma Yoga greater happiness could be achieved. She invited all members of World Union to join hands with her work—promoting of spiritual university, where how to practise various kinds of yoga and meditation was being taught on global level. In conclusion she stated if the path shown by our seers like Yogi Sri Aurobindo could be sincerely followed a world of human happiness could be created as a peaceful abode of the posterity.

New Alipur: The members condoled the sad demise of Smt. Indira Gandhi in a special meeting called for the purpose on 1-11-84. It started with the reading of the Gita, Bible and Savitri. Devotional music was offered by Mira, Suchanda, Smritirekha and Tanuja. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained the working of nature in world affairs by citing suitable quotations from the Postscript Chapter of 'The Ideal of Human Unity'. Then he read out a prayer by Mrs. Gandhi to the U. N. O. in 1968:

''Common be your prayer,
Common be your end,
Common be your purpose,

Common be your deliberations.
Common be your desires.
United be your hearts.
United be your intentions.
Perfect be the Union among you."

North Calcutta: The members observed Vijaya Sammilani (Get together after Durga Puja) on 22-10-84 as its 127th monthly meeting which started with devotional songs offered by Sri Hemendra Nath Kar and Km. Sangita Ghosh and followed by group concentration with recital of stotras (hymns) by Sri Rabi Ghosh. Sri Sujit Kr. Palit recited the inspiring and enchanting prose-piece "Durga Stotra" of Sri Aurobindo and explained briefly the significance of 'Vijaya' in the light of Sri Aurobindo's teaching. The happy Sammilani was ended with hymns sung by Smt. Gayatri Nag.

Nandannagar: It celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti on 15th August 1984 under the Presidentship of Sri Ranendra Narayan Guha Neogi. Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya attended the celebration as the Guest in Chief and as a special guest Sri Dulal Ch. Mondol was present. Km. Tutu Saha, Sri Haradhan Saha, Samir Majumder, Gouri Sen, Malina Ghosal, Sathi Ghosal participated in the discussion on the *Life and Sadhana of Sri Aurobindo*. Devotional songs were offered by Km. Tutu Saha. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks.

Salt Lake: In its 40th monthly meeting held on the 13th October 1984 the Chairman of the Centre, Dr. R.K. De explained why human endeavour for world unity failed through out the ages from pre-historic period. He observed that materialistic intellect enabled man to develop his outer life without corresponding development of spiritual element in man. So man's outward effort for establishing world unity and peace failed. Hence the Motto of World Union,—"based on the fact of human unity realising a truth of Spirit" as given by the Mother.

The meeting started with the song offered by Smt. Rina De and followed by group meditation.

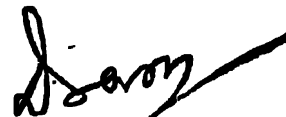
Sibpur: It held its meeting on 14-10-84 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on "Mind and Supermind" and explained the stages to reach Supermind as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo.

Sodepur: To condole the sad demise of Smt. Indira Gandhi it held a meeting on the 6th November 1984 and adopted a resolution expressing deep sorrow and profound grief at the dastardly assassination of the beloved Leader of the Nation Smt. Indira Gandhi.

New Life Member:

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SRI AUROBINDO BHARAT ASHRAM

Sri Aurobindo commenced writing "The Ideal of Human Unity" in September 1915 and continued doing it during the First World War. He wrote the Postscript Chapter to "The Ideal of Human Unity" in 1950 before he left His physical body. In the Postscript Chapter Sri Aurobindo stated: "We conclude then that in the conditions of the world at present, even taking into consideration its most discouraging features and dangerous possibilities, there is nothing that need alter the view we have taken of the necessity and inevitability of some kind of World Union; the drive of Nature, the compulsion of circumstances and the present and future need of mankind make it inevitable."

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Sri Aurobindo Bharat Ashram:

Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya, Secretary, Sri Aurobindo Bharat Ashram, has written to the undersigned a letter dated 26th November 1984, enclosing with it a paper concerning the opening of the Ashram. On the 19th July 1984 afternoon, he, accompanied by Sri Badal Chakraborty came to my residence and discussed with me regarding the said Ashram to be established in West Bengal. The undersigned was the first person with whom the Scheme and Model of the said Ashram was discussed. The undersigned appreciated their energy, thinking and perseverance in the execution of the Project and made a few suggestions for the completion of the Scheme. Dr. Basudev stated in his letter that they were advancing gradually in the fulfilment of the plan which was already framed and intended to lay the foundation stone on the 5th December 1984. Dr. Basudev asked me and I sent a message for the great occasion of the opening of the Sri Aurobindo Bharat Ashram. He also asked me for publicity of their activities in the World Union Focus so that the public, in particular the devotees of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo, will come to know about the same.

We publish below the printed paper which was sent by Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya, concerning the opening ceremony of the Ashram:

**Let us realise the
Truth of the
Spirit**

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The Mother

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If the Lord wills for you a hardship, do not
protest, take it as a blessing and indeed,
it will become so.

The Mother

- * Ashram shall open different wings of work education including weaving, tailoring; laundry, kitchen garden, flower garden-cum-nursery, dairy, poultry, hand-made paper etc. . .
- * Shall maintain medical, First Aid and treatment Centre. . .
- * Shall maintain Text Book and Reference Library and arrange Seminars and Symposiums. . .
- * Shall manage its own Press & Publication. . .

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The happiness you give make you more
happy than the happiness you receive.

The Mother

THE INSPIRATION :

The School, instead of becoming a mere copy of other Schools, has sought inspiration directly from the teaching of Sri AUROBINDO and THE MOTHER—aimed at a qualitatively higher standard of education, making the students responsive to the social needs of Society. Along with a variety of courses, social values are imparted through the House system co-curricular activities and sports and games.

The school is national in character and international in outlook.

HOW YOU CAN HELP?:

You are most welcome to lend your help by joining the Ashram as a member—and donation.

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All mischief comes from a lack of balance,
so let us keep our balance carefully
always, in all circumstances.

The Mother

The Report of the opening ceremony of the Ashram was sent by Dr. Bhattacharya, Secretary of the Ashram and received yesterday reads as follows:

On 5-12-84 the day of his end of mortal play, Sri Aurobindo Bharat Ashram laid foun-

dation stones at Dugachia (Naihati). 24 Parganas of three constructions: (a) Home for Ashramites, (b) School for inmates and around and (c) Holy shrine were earth of 13 holy places of India from Kashmir to Kanyakumari were placed. Sri Ramdas Brahmachari of Dugachia Ashram laid the foundation stone of the home while Sri Jogendra Nath Chakraborty did the same in respect to holy shrine and the school.

In pre-lunch gathering Sri Ashit Bhattacharya, a social worker of this locality, presided and Dr. B. Bhattacharya, Executive Member of World Union International who is also the Secretary of Sri Aurobindo Bharat Ashram explained the plan and programme of the 'Ashram'. Some school teachers of this locality attended and narrated the life and Sadhana of Sri Aurobindo. Sri Jiban Pandit, Sri Biplab Kumar Mukherjee, Smt Manju Banerjee (Education Ext. Officer, Govt. of West Bengal) and others participated. Lions Club who has already constructed a tubewell in this premises, took photograph of this occasion at their own cost and initiative. They have also promised further donations in kind for the students and Ashram.

In post lunch session Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya, Vice-Chairman, World Union International, explained the education system of Sri Aurobindo Ashram and the teaching of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo on education. Dr. Rekha Nag, Phd., of Baroda University and Representatives of different World Union Centres such as Sri Badal Chakraborty, Sri Dulal Chandra Paul and Smt. Nilima Banerjee of Bon-Hooghly Centre; Sri Ananda Charan Basak of Baranagar Centre, Smt. Minu Roy, Sri Amuly Chatterjee, Sri D. K. Bhattacharya of Alam-bazar Centre; Smt. Anjali Roy of Salt Lake Centre and others participated.

It has been decided that the school shall start functioning from January 1985 in a temporary arrangement before the construction is completed.

The day of All-India Seminar has been decided to be 24 February 1985.

Further donations received by World Union:

The following donations have been received:

1. Mr. Karsandas Nanji Ruparelia, UK	...	Rs. 2,000-00
2. Sri Panchkori Banerjee, Hind Motor	...	Rs. 51-00
TOTAL ...		Rs. <u>2,051-00</u>

The total amount received so far is Rs. 36,631/70

Note: It has to be seen that the Sri Aurobindo Ashram Trust approves of the name and style of the Organisation as **Sri Aurobindo Bharat Ashram** and accords its sanction to use the symbols of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo as printed in the pamphlet, if not done as yet.



General Secretary
December 19, 1984

MEMBERS' PAGE

Apropos the questions put by a member and appeared in this 'PAGE' of November 1984 issue, we received two letters – one from a reader in Madras and the other from Dr. Chandrakant P. Patel of Gujarat.

The reader in Madras discussed all the questions from the spiritual view point and indicated that all members of World Union might be supposed to be well aware of the fact that World Union was based on the realisation of spiritual oneness in our lives. So, first thing needed was to bring about an attitudinal change in carrying out whatever work an individual was to do. He should think himself not as a doer but as an instrumental in doing the work. He was to extend his dispassionate and disinterested love to all creatures – including human beings, surrounding him and should render his services to them as worship to God.

To train individual members on this line suitable workshop would have to be conducted where individual would be given absolute freedom to grow within to reveal his potentiality. Because the purpose of training related purely to psychology the mode of training must not be mechanical and so it would have to be conducted subjectively.

Dr. Chandrakant P. Patel of Gujarat discussed the question no. 1 (iii): "How can the Concept of World Unity be practised in one's day to day life: – if one is *a teacher*?"

He suggested that in general a teacher should make it a point that his daily activities including his work in the class, should be so conducted as would help him in growing and developing his inner consciousness. He must act for the Mother and the Mother would see in her turn that he would gradually become a Universal man. And this inner change would enable him to work rightly for World Unity.

The teacher should also help the students to grow inwardly so that their personality might develop.

Dr. Patel also emphasised that to realise the above objectives a teacher-member should study and practise 'Integral Yoga' – or at least '*Dibya Karma Yoga*' as explained by Sri Aurobindo in his 'Synthesis of Yoga'. A teacher-member was also expected to study all other major works of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo especially their views on education which might guide him to universalise his consciousness.

We once again invite answers to the questions from other members which will help the Movement a lot to progress.

DIALOGUE (29)

POLITICS AND PROGRESS

Prasanta : May I come in Sir?

Principal : Oh ! yes, yes—come in. Be seated. If my memory does not betray me, you are Prasanta. You left this college, perhaps five years ago after having your degree with honours in Philosophy.

Prasanta : Yes Sir ! It is so kind of you that you still remember me.

Principal : Well, what are you doing now !

Prasanta : 'Am running a journal—a cultural and educational monthly.

Principal : Not philosophical then ! What is its name? Is it '*Jyotirgamaya*'?

Prasanta : Yes Sir.

Principal : Now I recollect your surname,—you are Prasanta Mustafi—the Editor of the journal. I get it every month. But its a very tough job for a few only understand what is Culture and still lesser know what is true education.

Prasanta : Now 'am realising it. Yesterday I attended the Seminar and listened to your very attractive and educative talk on 'Politics & Progress'. So prudently you justified your stand when you indicated that "Politics is helper, Politics is bar to progress" that I was very much moved.

Principal : So you admit it ! I think you have understood the points. Frankly speaking I cannot follow the applied politics, that is to say the politics as practised by the present-day politicians of the world though I've an idea of philosophy of politics. And that was why I affirmed in my concluding words that the days of party-politics had gone long ago.

Prasanta : Yes Sir. I do admit it and that is why I've come to you to offer my heart-felt felicitation. This Idea, I think, has to be focussed through various mass-media if you so approve.

Principal : Many thanks. Go ahead with the firm faith that **Time-Spirit** is with you.

From a Member's diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bangalore: Dr. T. Prasannasimha Row reports his Centre's Organisational Activities during October and November 1984 as under:

On 9-10-84: In a meeting organised by the Lions Club to celebrate the U. N. Day, Sri H. K. Shantavearappa, Vice-President of the Centre, spoke as the Guest of Honour of the function, on the "U. N. and Contributions of World Union Movement to promote Peace and Unity on a Spiritual foundation". He also spoke on the Concept of Auroville as an experiment in Human Unity as also on the activities of the W. C. P. A. emphasising World Union's cooperation with them.

On 10-11-84: The members held a meeting at the Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs to condole the sudden demise of Late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi and paid their tribute to her memory as a *Martyr* for the cause of International understanding and peace, as a *Champion* of the oppressed and under privileged peoples of the world who *sacrificed* herself for the cause of Harmony, Unity, Integrity and Peace in India

All members observed silence and prayed to the Divine for peace of the departed soul and for the dawn of true wisdom to her successor.

After that Sri M. K. Rameswaram spoke on 'World Brotherhood and B. M. Shree' who was a great litterateur in Kannada

On 12-11-84: Members organised a 'Get Together' to welcome Dame Mrs. Narcisa Dadarn, an international social worker whose field of activity extends to the under-privileged humanity in Asia and Africa besides the U. K

Bhowanipur: In its monthly meeting held on 8-11-84 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed the significance of 'Durga-Stotra' as composed by Sri Aurobindo and explained why he wished "No Emersion—thence forward."

Bon-Hooghly: The members observed in a befitting manner the Foundation Day of the Centre on 8-10-84 (*The Mahanavami Tithi*), when Dr. B. Bhattacharya, Chaiman of the Centre read out selected passages from the Mother and explained how the teachings of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo would help mankind to find out the right path to the golden future. Sri D. P. Sasmal and Sri Dulal Ch. Paul also took part in the discussion.

On 28-10-84 the members organised its Annual Get-Together under the Presidentship

of Dr. B. Bhattacharya and Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, Chairmam, Regional Centre, West Bengal was the Guest-in-Chief. In reading out the annual report of the Centre, the Jt. Secretary Sri D. C. Paul stated that the Centre took the initiative to establish Sri Aurobindo Bharat Ashram in West Bengal with its members and other followers of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo to start community living in the model of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry.

Sri P.P. Bhattacharya stated that different Centres of World Union in West Bengal were undertaking different projects as running of Nursery & K.G. School, Library; and Bon-Hooghly Centre took the initiative to institute a grand project of establishing Sri Aurobindo Bharat Ashram for the implementation of which cooperation of all World Union Centres in West Bengal might be necessary.

In his Presidential address Dr. Bhattacharya indicated that to reach the long cherished goal of human kind the time had come to quit the path of division and difference and hew out the path of Unity and Harmony. Right implementation and running of the project would surely help the members to realise the truth and power of Oneness.

Central Calcutta: In a general meeting held on 18-11-84, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, who presided over the meeting, explained at length the basic idea of World Union Movement. He emphasised that holding of frequent sittings would be more fruitful than holding of periodical Seminars.

On the 25th November it held a youth meeting when Prof. Santinath Chatterjee of Bangabasi College spoke on the "Ideals of Sri Aurobindo" giving much stress on Sri Aurobindo's Concept of Evolution. He also explained Indian tradition and culture in the light of Sri Aurobindo.

They started a school of music on the auspicious day of Mahalaya (8th September 1984) under the name and style of "Jayasree". Mrs. Sukti Mukherjee became its President and Sri Hari Sadhan Sarkar its guide.

Chakradharpur: The members celebrated "Maha Siddhi Divas" of Sri Aurobindo on the 24th November in collaboration with Sri Aurobindo Society at the premises of the Society when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee was the Guest Speaker. He spoke in a very lucid way the significance of the 'Divas' and explained how the golden door of overmind was made opened through which supramental light and power might descend on earth to change the earth-life.

On the next day (25-11-84) morning a joint meeting of the members of Word Union and the Society was held to discuss matters relating to joint sittings. Dr. Mukherjee was present in the meeting. In the evening Dr. Mukherjee discussed the Ten Limbs of Sri Aurobindo's yoga. The members also solemnly observed 17th November the day of passing away of the Mother and 5th December the day of passing of Sri Aurobindo with meditation and offering of flowers.

Chandernagore: It held its monthly meetings on 8th July, 5th August, 2nd September (another meeting on 16th September), 7th October (another meeting on 21st October) when members discussed the following subjects: "Higher Living"; "Mal-Practices in Politics";

“Development of Group-Soul through Synthesis of Yoga”: **“Aims of Sri Aurobindo’s Yoga”:** Savitri Cantos VI and VII (no Book Number mentioned), New Prospects for Education, Savitri Cantos VIII & IX (no book number mentioned) and Educational Approach to World Union.

Dr. B. N. Baral, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, Sri B. N. Roy discussed the subjects. All the meets were held at Sri Aurobindo Mandir excepting that on 8-7-84 which was held at Prabartak Narimandir and was attended by Sri P. P. Bhattacharya as Speaker.

“Sri Aurobindo child-guidance and parents-counselling Centre” – a social welfare project of the Centre was duly registered under Societies Registration Act of West Bengal and it would hold a Seminar on **“Problems of the Child”** in the second week of December 1984. The members of the Centre also condoled the sad demise of Smt. Indira Gandhi and copy of the condolence resolution was sent to her son Shri Rajiv Gandhi – Prime Minister of India.

Khar, Bombay & Sion: Sri N S. Amin reports that the members of the three Centres jointly held a meeting on the 19th November 1984 at the premises of Sri Aurobindo Society to condole the dastardly and heinous assassination of Smt. Indira Gandhi. The copies of the resolution adopted were sent to the Secretary General U. N. O, Shri Rajiv Gandhi – Prime Minister of India, the Secretary General – WCPA, USA and to all the affiliated Organisations of World Union as well as to the headquarter at Pondicherry. The resolution states that the meeting:

(i) Expresses its profound and deep shock at the cruel outrage, (ii) Condemns the divisive and anti-national forces responsible for her assassination and subsequent communal riots; (iii) Pays homage to the late Prime Minister of India Smt. Indira Gandhi and recollects the intimate and affectionate relation between the Mother of Sri Aurobindo Ashram and Smt. Gandhi; (iv) Remembers with gratitude the continuous, active and vigorous support and assistance given by late Indira Gandhi to the activities of World Union; (v) Affirms its faith in the belief that the world is One and indivisible and that they who endeavour to create division and disintegration in the name of bigoted ideology are doing dis-service to humanity by impeding world’s progress to Peace and Harmony.

Nandannagar: The members held a meeting on the 11th November 1984 to condole the dastardly assassination of Smt. Indira Gandhi and to pay due homage and respect to the departed soul. The meeting was conducted under the Chairmanship of Smt. Malina Ghosal. Km Tutu Saha recollected Smt. Gandhi’s contribution to World Peace and Harmony. A few words of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo were also discussed. Km. Saha and Swati Ghosal offered devotional songs.

New Alipur: Its monthly meeting started with the reading from ‘Mahayogi’ Sri Aurobindo by Mira Mukherjee. After devotional songs Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee read out his own article **“Sri Aurobindo And The Youth Power of India”**, in which he indicated that Sri Aurobindo was more concerned with ‘Shakti’ to synthesise God and the world. He also stated that a Bengali monthly Bulletin was proposed to be published from January 1985 wherein

the above idea would be reflected. The members who attended the meeting applauded the proposal.

North Calcutta: It held its 128th monthly meeting on 20-11-84 when after devotional songs and group concentration Prof. D. P. Sen the Guest Speaker delivered his speech on "Theosophy and world Union". He pointed out the semblance of ideals of these two Movements and elaborately dealt with the aims and objectives of the movements and indicated that the two movements were progressing in their own way towards Human Unity and Universal Brotherhood. Both the movements had their basis on the Faith on Supreme Consciousness and immanent will of Nature. Prof. Sen also emphasised that the propounders of the two ideals envisaged a global regeneration of the feeling of Fraternity and Goodwill and prophesied luminous future for mankind.

Prof. Sen, as the President of the Bengal Theosophical Society extended his hand of cooperation to the fellow seekers of World Union to achieve human unity and world peace by dint of sincere spiritual endeavour.

Rishra: In its monthly meeting held on 10-10-84 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed the question "What is Sadhana?"

On the 14th November 1984 members held a meeting to condole the cruel assassination of Late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi and paid their respectful homage to the departed soul. Then the members observed two minutes' silence. Thereafter Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, spoke on "One of the ten Limbs of Sadhana", which enchanted the listeners.

Salt Lake: It held its 41st monthly meeting on 10.11.84. At the outset two minutes silence was observed to pay respectful homage to the departed leader of India Smt. Indira Gandhi, who like Joan of Arc, Lord Christ, Mahatma Gandhi, sacrificed herself for unity, peace and progress of the whole world. A few Tagore's songs were offered by Dr. R.K. De, Smt. Suparna Majumder and Smt. Mira Chaki.

It was resolved that a copy of the condolence resolution would be sent to the Prime Minister of India expressing the members' profound grief at the irreparable loss to India.

Then Sri Samar Basu's article on "Why Should I Read Sri Aurobindo?" was read out and was appreciated by all. It was decided that the reprinting of the article locally for distribution among different institutions would be taken up shortly.

Sultanpur: Sri Prabhakar, the Secretary of the Centre intimates that the members of the Centre were stunned and felt lost at the brutal assassination of the beloved leader of the oppressed peoples of the world India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The whole of humanity suffered the grievous and irreparable loss of an outstanding leader of indomitable courage, a beacon light for the steady progress of Non-Alignment Movement and a standard bearer of a New World of Peace and Prosperity on the three cardinal Principles of World Union viz. Freedom, Equality and Brotherhood as enunciated by Yogiraj Sri Aurobindo.

The members paid their respectful homage to the departed soul.

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PROVISIONAL WORLD PARLIAMENT AND WORLD UNION CONFERENCES

The ultimate result must be the formation of a World-State and the most desirable form of it would be a federation of free nationalities in which all subjection or forced inequality and subordination of one to another would have disappeared and, though some might preserve a greater natural influence, all would have an equal status. A confederacy would give the greatest freedom to the nations constituting the World-State, but this might give too much room for fissiparous or centrifugal tendencies to operate; a federal order would then be the most desirable. All else would be determined by the course of events and by general agreement or the shape given by the ideas and necessities that may grow up in the future. A world union of this kind would have the greatest chances of long survival or permanent existence. This is a mutable world and uncertainties and dangers might assail or trouble for a time; the formed structure might be subjected to revolutionary tendencies as new ideas and forces emerged and produced their effect on the general mind of humanity but the essential step would have been taken and the future of the race assured or at least the present era over-passed in which it is threatened and disturbed by unsolved needs and difficulties, precarious conditions, immense upheavals, huge and sanguinary world-wide conflicts and the threat of others to come. The ideal of human unity would be no longer an unfulfilled ideal but an accomplished fact and its preservation given into the charge of the united human peoples.

Sri Aurobindo

The third dream was a world-union forming the outer basis of a fairer, brighter and nobler life for all mankind. That unification of the human world is under way; there is an imperfect initiation organised but struggling against tremendous difficulties. But the movement is there and it must inevitably increase and conquer . . . A catastrophe may intervene and interrupt or destroy what is being done, but even then the final result is sure. For unification is a necessity of Nature, an inevitable movement. Its necessity for the nations is also clear, for without it the freedom of the small nations may be at any moment in peril and the life even of the large and powerful nations insecure. The unification is therefore to the interests of all and only human imbecility and stupid selfishness can prevent it; but these cannot stand for ever against

the necessity of Nature and the Divine Will. But an outward basis is not enough; there must grow up an international spirit and outlook; international forms and institutions must appear, perhaps such developments as dual or multilateral citizenship, willed interchange or voluntary fusion of cultures. Nationalism will have fulfilled itself and lost its militancy and would no longer find these things incompatible with self-preservation and the integrality of its outlook. A new spirit of oneness will take hold of the human race.

Sri Aurobindo

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Second Session of Provisional World Parliament:

The issues which will be considered as priorities by the Parliament will be: (1) Implementation of World Legislative Bills Nos 1 and 5. Detailed strategy, organization of the World Disarmament Agency, funding and personnel for implementation over a period of years. (2) Implementation of World Legislative Bill No. 2. Detailed strategy, organization of the World Economic Development Organisation, funding and personnel for implementation. (3) Action by Non-Aligned and Debtor Countries for a new world economic order. Detailed plans and strategy, related to World Legislative Bill No. 2 (4) Environmental Issues: World Legislative Bill No 6. Detailed world legislation and strategies: In particular to reverse the CO2 build-up in the atmosphere, which threatens global starvation and new Ice Age soon. (5) Ratification Campaign for the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. Detailed strategies: Commission on proposed amendments. (6) Provisional World Cabinet—for the Emerging World Government: Selection and beginnings. (7) Formation of a World Government Corporation to finance all activities and campaigns. (8) The Earth Rescue Corps. Issues which will not be treated as priorities will be: (9) World Food and Water Supplies: Detailed world legislation and strategies. (10) World Energy Supply: Detailed world legislation and strategies. (11) Human Rights and the World Ombudsmus: Creation of the World Ombudsmus. (12) Population Problem. (13) Next Session of the Provisional World Parliament: 1986 and 1988 : Africa and Latin America, or where? (14) The 1987 Session of the World Constituent Assembly: Detailed plans and preparations. (15) World Electoral and Administrative Districts. (16) Other World Legislation: e.g. ownership and administration of Earth's atmosphere. (17) Standing Parliamentary Commissions. On the 15th March 1985 at 2 P.M. the Provisional World Parliament will be inaugurated and keynote speeches made. Election of Speaker and Steering Committee; Adoption of Rules and Procedure will be made.

Delegates are requested to arrive in New Delhi on March 14 or earlier, so that they may register and get rested before the inauguration of the Parliament at 2 P.M. on the 15th March. On each day there-after there will be a different item taken up for consideration.

The Provisional World Parliament will continue from 15th to 29th March 1985. Those who wish to be delegates to the Provisional World Parliament and to attend it are requested to apply for it as soon as possible.

It will be necessary for each delegate to pay his or her own travel and living expenses *as no financial subsidies are available*. However, arrangements for low-cost hospitality are being made by the Planning Committee in New Delhi.

To communicate with Planning Committee please write to Mrs. Savitri Nigam, Ex. M.P., G-1 Anand Niketan, New Delhi 110021. (Phone: 671494; 671495) or to Mr. K. Lakkappa, M.P. and Mr. Mohan Bajikar, No. 1 B.D. Marg (W.C.P.A. Office), New Delhi 110001 (Phone: 386911), or Mr. Sat Paul Mittal, M.P., 33 Lodi Gardens, New Delhi 110003 (Phone: 25700; 29688; 23902 and 611845).

World Union Conference and Meetings:

We have heard from Justice Sri Nittoor Srinivasa Rau, President of World Union National Centre-India, Bangalore and World Union Centre of Bangalore that the Fourth National Convention of World Union and Eighth Triennial World Union World Conference will be held at Bangalore between 22nd and 26th November 1985. Details will be given in the March 1985 Focus. Also details will be given about the meetings of the World Council, International Executive Committee, General Meeting of the National Body and National Executive Committee. Other details also will be published in the March 1985 Focus.

Further donations received by World Union:

The following donations have been received:

(1) Mr. Y. R. Patel, London	Rs. 1800-00
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The total amount received so far is Rs. 39,231/70



General Secretary
January 22, 1985

MEMBERS' PAGE

In this 'PAGE' of January 1985 issue members might have seen comments of Dr. Chandrakant P. Patel of Gujarat on one question only and that was — Question No. 1 (iii).

Now we are glad to receive his suggestions regarding organisation of Workshop—Viz the question no. 2 of November 1984 issue. He states that to organise Workshop of Students is a necessity for effective working of World Union in Colleges and Universities. He suggests:

- (i) The Student Welfare Section or Department of the University may be approached for collaboration,
- (ii) The students may be trained in groups in studying themes of World Unity and writing paper, essays, etc. on the same. Some one capable of organising such Workshop may be invited from the Ashram for guidance.
- (iii) Students may be trained how to organise group-activity and other collective work,
- (iv) The session of such Workshop may be for a fortnight or a month. At the end of the Session outing of all the groups may be arranged where discourses on the various themes of the Workshop may be organised.
- (v) Everyday's programme of the Workshop should start and end with group concentration and devotional and prayer songs.

We may wait for answers from many other members before we discuss the questions in general. Meanwhile we may draw the attention of the members to the Editorial of November 1984 issue wherefrom they may get some clues to deal with the questions.

DIALOGUE (30)

WHERE DOES HAPPINESS LIE?

Lawyer : Good afternoon Mr. Malhotra, please take your seat. Now let me introduce you with my cousin and friend Mr. Joygopal Acharya. A few days back he came here for rest and recreation. He is a Professor of Philosophy. And here is Mr. Gurudeep Malhotra my respectable client, an industrialist and a business magnet. Now, Mr. Malhotra we were discussing something philosophical. If you are interested we may continue.

- Mr. Malhotra :** 'Am so happy to meet your brother. I wish to have some new light from him. So, please carry on; but 'am afraid I may not be able to take part in it.
- Lawyer** Mr Acharya was talking about how to proceed from darkness to light by enlarging consciousness. I was asking him whether enlargement of consciousness can enable a man to enlarge his assets and properties, because common men are interested in that only.
- Mr. Malhotra :** Yes. I think your question is quite justifiable. But perhaps Mr. Acharya is thinking of something else
- Mr. Acharya** No, Sir. I was thinking of the question itself. It seems to me that the Lawyer has put it without having realised the seriousness of the subject. Nevertheless I must try to answer him. To possess something more than what we have is the general trend of human vital and very powerful trend. From that point of view the question put by the Lawyer on behalf of common man is quite pertinent. For common men believe that enlarged properties and assets may fetch happiness for them. They want happiness and not the assets and properties as such.
- Mr. Malhotra :** Yes, Sir, I quite agree. We want happiness and we believe that happiness lie hidden in wealth. So, we try to possess wealth and more wealth. And this belief is indeed very strong.
- Mr. Acharya :** So strong that it is very difficult to get rid of it until one becomes a very very wealthy person when one may realise that what lies there hidden in wealth is not happiness but acute weariness.
- Lawyer** Then you mean to say that enlargement of assets and properties can not bring happiness.
- Mr. Acharya** You may ask the question to your respectable client Mr. Malhotra who owns them.
- Mr. Malhotra** Really 'am not a happy man. I feel tired of my assets and properties.
- Mr. Acharya** Now it becomes easy for me to explain the proposition. I was talking about enlargement of Consciousness and indicated that it shows the way that moves from Darkness to Light. It also takes man from Falsehood to Truth, from Ignorance to Knowledge. Though it does not enable a man to enlarge his outer properties but helps him to get hold of the treasure that lie within and they are the Light, the Truth, the Knowledge. And true happiness lies only with them. And if we wish to possess it we must have our consciousness enlarged because there is no other way to achieve it.

From a Member's diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Beliaghata: Its 21st monthly meeting was held on 11th November, 1984 with the tape recorded music of the Mother and group concentration. Dr. D.N. Sur presided. Sri Gautam Kr. Roy, Secretary of the Centre read out and discussed some portions of Sri Samar Basu's booklet "ANWESHU SAMLAP". A few copies of a Handbook of World Union and this booklet were distributed among members free of cost. A large number of boys and girls of the locality attended the meeting.

Bhandarhati: It held a special meeting on the 24th November, 1984 to observe solemnly the '*Mahasiddhi Divas*' when Sri P. C. Addy, Chairman of the centre explained the significance of Sri Aurobindo's *Mahasiddhi* and emphasised that it had become imperative for us to endeavour to change our consciousness.

Bhowanipur: In its monthly meeting held on the 13th December, 1984 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana for World Peace. The members paid homage to the departed soul of Prodyut Bhattacharya who founded the organisation in Durgapur some time in 1961, later it became a Local Centre of World Union under the guidance of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee.

Domjur: It held its weekly meetings on 28th October, 4th, 10th, 11th, 18th, 24th and 25th November, 1984 and 2nd, 8th and 9th December, 1984 when all the members of the Centre and a few interested persons of the locality were present.

Selected portions from Sri Aurobindo's 'Essays on the Gita' Matrivani and the Mother's Anthology were discussed. Samar Basu's booklet "ANWESHU SAMLAP" was also read and discussed.

The meetings ended with group meditation.

Salt Lake: Its 42nd monthly meeting was held on 8. 12. 84 when Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, Chairman, World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee were present. As some of the members were thinking of starting a K. G and Nursery School as a Branch Unit of the "Student World", Baranagar, a discussion was held on Education as conceived by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Sri Bhattacharya elucidated the salient features of the methods of education as followed in the Ashram and Auroville and how they differed from the general method and principles of education.

Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee emphasised that students were to be made conscious of the spirit of the Truth.

Dr. R. K. De presided.

Uttarpara: It held its four monthly meetings (132nd to 135th) on 8. 9. 84, 13. 10. 84, 10. 11. 84. and 8. 12. 84.

The members observed World Union Day on 8. 9. 84 (132nd monthly meeting) when Sri N. K. Roy initiated the discussion and explained the ideal of World Union as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo in his "The Ideal of Human Unity". Several members participated in the discussion. Sri S. K. Gupta summed up and said that behind the apparent disunity there worked the Force of the Mother to lead mankind towards its cherished goal of unity.

Sri N. B. Nandy presided.

The members observed Vijaya Sammelan on 13. 10. 84 (133rd monthly meeting). With the devotional song of Sri Ramchandra Das the Sammelan started. ~~Individual~~ Sri N. K. Roy, Sashi Mohan Bhattacharya, Santanu Roy, Amiya Majumdar, J. L. ~~Ida~~ Chakravarty and Srinivas Chatterjee explained the significance of Vijaya.

In its 134th meeting held on 10th November, 1984 members paid ~~their~~ respectful homage to the departed soul of Smt. Indira Gandhi with recital of 21 slokas from the Gita (Canto 11) by Sri Jitendra Nath Chakrabarty. Sri N.K. Roy and Prof. Buddhadev Chakrabarty explained Smt. Gandhi's love for humanity as also her activities as a true Indian.

After this Sri N.K. Roy read out some portions from Sri Samar Basu's "PONDICHERRY KATADOOR" which was nicely elucidated by Prof. Chakrabarty.

In its 135th monthly meeting held on 8-12-84 some other portions from Samar Basu's booklet was read out and lively discussion on it was followed when a few members took part in it.

Sri N. B. Nandy chaired the meeting.

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WORLD AFFAIRS

The final dream was a step in evolution which would raise man to a higher and larger consciousness and begin the solution of the problems which have perplexed and vexed him since he first began to think and to dream of individual perfection and a perfect society. This is still a personal hope and an idea, an ideal which has begun to take hold both in India and in the West on forward-looking minds. The difficulties in the way are more formidable than in any other field of endeavour, but difficulties were made to overcome and if the Supreme Will is there, they will be overcome. Here too, if this evolution is to take place, since it must proceed through a growth of the spirit and the inner consciousness, the initiative can come from India and, although the scope must be universal, the central movement may be hers.

Sri Aurobindo

August 15th, 1947

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

An Open Letter To The Prime Ministers Of Six Countries:

On January 10, 1985 Mr. Philip Isely, Secretary-General of World Constitution and Parliament Association, 1480 Hoyt Street, Suite 31/Lakewood, Colo. 80215, U.S.A., wrote an Open Letter to Rajiv Gandhi (Prime Minister, India), Raul Alfonsin (President, Argentina), Miguel De La Madrid (President, Mexico), Julius K. Nyerere (President, Tanzania), Olof Palme (Prime Minister, Sweden), and Andreas Papandreou (Prime Minister, Greece), which reads as follows:

Dear Fellow Inhabitants of Earth:

It is reported that you are meeting soon in New Delhi to follow up the appeal of May, 1984, for the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R., along with the U.K., France and China, to halt the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons.

At this meeting, you will have a great opportunity to turn the course of world events from war to peace. But you will need to do much more than appeal to the super powers, because, the super powers are not likely to lead the process of disarmament.

Actually, you have at your command, together with other third world and non-aligned countries, the resources and bargaining power both to start the process of disarmament and

to introduce the new world economic order. The resources and the bargaining power which you have are represented by the many billions of dollars which you and other non-aligned and third world leaders are now permitting to be squandered in your own countries on armaments, together with the collective bargaining power of huge debts—mostly recycled to pay interest, much of which is incurred to buy armaments.

At your meeting in New Delhi, without waiting in vain for the super powers to act, you can carry forward the necessary action for survival on Earth. Here is how:

1. Put 10% of the money you are now, yourselves, diverting for military purposes, into a specially designed EARTH RESCUE AND DEFENSE FUND. Ask all other non-aligned and third world countries to do likewise. It can still be accounted as part of your "defense" budgets—defense of Humanity. Very soon, a global fund of up to Ten Billion Dollars, or even Fifty Billion within a few years, can be collected to carry out the steps defined below. For example, 10% of the combined military expenditures of the six countries which you represent equals in excess of Two Billion dollars.

2. Establish a WORLD DISARMAMENT AGENCY and immediately begin the process of defusing and turning over all nuclear weapons capability and all weapons of mass destruction to the World Disarmament Agency, which will supervise completing the process of disarmament and conversion to peaceful uses. Then ask all other nations to do likewise: In fact, start a non-negotiated disarmament race—it will become irresistible, and will be supported by many millions of people of the "developed" countries. The procedure for establishing the World Disarmament Agency is defined in World Legislative Bill Number One, adopted by the Provisional World Parliament in 1982, and can be put into effect by each country, locality and region ratifying this World Legislation.

3. Establish a WORLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, to provide no-interest financial credit for hundreds of billions of dollars worth of new economic development to serve human needs. The financial credit for this development will be based simply on the productive potential of the projects to be financed, without any need to borrow from those who now claim to be the owners of the sole legitimate source of finances. Then, demand and require the acceptance of this new world economic and financial order by collectively refusing to repay either principal or interest on current debts until the new order is accepted, without devaluation, and until all nuclear weapons are defused and turned over to the World Disarmament Agency. Ask all third world and non-aligned countries, whether debtors or not, to join and support this action.

The procedure and strategy for establishing the World Economic Development Organization, with a new financial and credit system based on productive capacity, is defined in World Legislative Bill Number Two, adopted by the Provisional World Parliament in 1982, and can be put into effect collectively by those countries which ratify this world legislation. (The strategy for joint action proposed here is also defined in an appeal distributed at the Non-Aligned Conference held in New Delhi in 1983).

4. Establish an EMERGENCY EARTH RESCUE ADMINISTRATION for the purpose of saving the environment, and for uniting everybody—North and South, East and West—in defense against the new common enemy: The new common enemy of humanity is the rapid and excessive accumulation of carbon dioxide in the environment, resulting from massive

deforestation, running out of soil, fertility, burning of fossil fuels and acid rain. Excess CO₂ causes extreme climatic disruptions, and is the underlying cause of the extended drought and starvation now threatening hundreds of millions of people: but this is only the beginning. If carbon dioxide accumulation is not reversed soon, most of the people of Earth will be faced with starvation before the end of this century, because of disastrous climatic and agricultural disruptions, leading rapidly to an irreversible ice age. The remedy is a very massive global campaign for reforestation, remineralisation for the fertility needed to produce healthy carbon storing trees as well as nutritious food for humans, and quick transition from fossil fuels to non-polluting and sustainable energy supplies: a global campaign which can employ all those now in military forces as well as all unemployed persons. The procedure for doing all this is defined in World Legislative Bill Number Six, for the Emergency Earth Rescue Administration, to be presented for adoption and implementation at the next session of the Provisional World Parliament, to convene in New Delhi from 15 to 29 March 1985, only a short time after your meeting in New Delhi.

5. All of the measures outlined above are immediately necessary for the survival of humanity on Earth. All are completely inter-related. But none can be carried out successfully except in the context of an emerging democratic world federation and non-military world government, which can give the necessary overall framework within which peaceful and interrelated solutions to all world problems can be worked out and administered, free from the veto or aggrandizement of any big power or military force.

Fortunately, a very adequate CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATION OF EARTH has been prepared at several sessions of a World Constituent Assembly during the past few years, and is ready at this moment for ratification and implementation – altho still subject to amendments at the session of the World Constituent Assembly scheduled for 1987. You have the historic opportunity for taking the necessary steps to begin the process of ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth (or provisional ratification, pending the 1987 Assembly) in each of your own countries; and then for recommending this course of action to the entire world.

6. The investments to get all of this underway, suggested under Step 1 as an EARTH RESCUE and DEFENSE Fund, should, in fact, be administered through a specially designed funding agency, which we describe as the WORLD GOVERNMENT CORPORATION. By re-directing the 10% from your present military budgets and channelling this money as loans to the World Government Corporation, it will even be possible to arrange for repayment of the amounts loaned. Responsibility for repayment of the loans will be assumed by the Treasury of the World Government which will be established under a ratified Constitution for the Federation of Earth.

The job of the World Government Corporation is to administer and disburse the funds and loans received in the form of grants to the various agencies working to accomplish all of the objective described above. Such grants and disbursements can be accounted as legitimate expenses for achieving world government and for solving world problems peacefully in the context of an emerging world federation, and therefore qualifying for repayment by the soon-to-be established Treasury of the World Government. The plan for the World Government Corporation – including its organisation and control, the process of

funding and repayment of loans—is to be presented for adoption at the session of the Provisional World Parliament which will convene on March 15 in New Delhi.

If all of what I have proposed in this letter seems like too big a task, then survival on Earth is, indeed, too big a task: Because the kind of measures which I have summarized above, taken together and without exception, comprise the bare minimum of global action required now if humanity is to survive on this Earth!

You have a unique and historic opportunity when you meet soon in New Delhi, to do something really effective for human survival. You have the resources and the leverage to initiate the actions which are required, without even asking the permission of the super-powers. But it will be necessary to venture beyond the present death grip of national sovereignty and traditional inter-national diplomacy.

After your meeting in New Delhi, we would like to invite you to attend personally or to send representatives to the session of the Provisional World Parliament which convenes in New Delhi from 15th to 29th March, 1985 where all that is outlined here (along with some other items) can be further debated and implemented.



General Secretary
February 18, 1985

Mother India is not a piece of earth; she is a Power, a Godhead, for all nations have such a Devi supporting their separate existence and keeping it in being. Such beings are as real and more permanently real than the men they influence, but they belong to a higher plane, are part of the cosmic consciousness and being and act here on earth by shaping the human consciousness on which they exercise their influence.

— Sri Aurobindo

MEMBERS' PAGE

In response to the questions raised in this 'PAGE' of November 1984 issue Sri Debarata Biswas of Alambazar Centre (West Bengal) has sent his observations:

(1) He indicates that a man, be he a physician, a lawyer etc. is an *individual* first. Profession or occupation differentiates one individual from the other in social life only. Profession does not necessarily change human feelings and since the concept of World Unity is to work in that domain of human mind it is to be seen how the concept can be practised by the individual in their day to day life. The first necessity in this regard is to do away with *selfishness* which is of course, not an easy task, because individuals suffers from selfishness, pettiness and ego. To get rid of these maladies man must be sincere in his every activity. He must always remain aware of his aim of life and vows that he must not fall back from the path that leads to his goal. Thus the concept of World Unity can be practised by an individual.

(2) He indicates that there is a tremendous necessity for conducting workshops to train up young students and suggests that the Workshops can be organised by any individual and at any place if the students are convinced that their participation in the Workshop is for their own good. Discussions should be widely organised with students about the aim of human life, and they should be made well aware of what is needed of them in bringing about a New World Order.

(3) A Nation can only be ready for greater and nobler agglomeration when the individuals constituting the Nation vehemently reject all base acts in their daily life and work for the realisation of greater and nobler ideas—with ardent faith and determination.

We hope that Centres will discuss the questions in their monthly meeting and send their concerted views on the questions.

DIALOGUE (31)

HISTORY HAS GOT NOTHING TO TEACH

Surendra

(A Historian) : Have you gone through today's paper? There is an interesting news.

Monoj

Yes! I saw it.

(A Professor

of history) :

Surendra

: Have'nt you read it? Do you follow what news I mean?

- Monoj** : Not definitely; but I suppose you are speaking of the report on the Inter-College Symposium on "History, Our Teacher And Guide" --held on Sunday last at the University Institute.
- Surendra** : Yes. Have'nt you found anything interesting there in the Statement of a girl student of your College?
- Monoj** : Yes, I enjoyed it very much because she pointed out something which we, so called scholars of History, have never considered in the light she threw on it. Her Statement, I believe, can not be brushed aside on the plea that it had come from a young student. Old students like ourselves must take a note of it.
- Surendra** : I wonder whether she at all deserves such a high estimation from a veteran Professor of History --like your noble self.
- Monoj** : Not only that my dear friend I I feel proud of her because she is a student
(with a smile) : of our College. I attended the Seminar and heard how nicely and logically she explained her proposition that 'History teaches us nothing'. Though her Statement shattered our long-cherished belief that History is our teacher and guide, yet I believe we have got nothing to say against her argument.
- Surendra** : Is it so? 'Am so unfortunate that I could not attend. Will you kindly let me know how did she dwell on?
- Monoj** : She indicated that history could not teach us anything because it had no such capability. It was nothing but a record of torrent of events that were happening on the surface. It was rather a Kaleidoscope of personalities and changing institutions. She emphasised that Knowledge of life's profoundities, its potent secrets were not reflected on the surface and hence history could not seize them; it could not fathom these depths. Yet if we were to understand existence we must know these depths and their unseen forces. They were indeed the root causes of all the surface-events. She further commented that it was true that history could help us to tide over the difficulties of the moment and solve empirically certain problems of life. But a teacher was expected to guide the taught to attain the goal of his life. In that sense history could not be our teacher with such a minimum capability to guide us.
She also indicated many other luminous points in such a way that we remained completely spell-bound.
- Surendra** : Yes, it is really appreciable.

From a Member's diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Beliaghata: It held its 22nd monthly meeting on 30.12.84 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, the Chief Guest very nicely explained and analysed the change in political atmosphere that was brought about by the result of recent Lok Sabha election. He indicated that subtle physical force was working behind all surface-events. There was a veil between the two which would have to be removed and that could be done by changing the consciousness into a higher, deeper and wider level.

In its 23rd monthly meeting held on 12.1.85 the members observed the 3rd anniversary of the Centre when Sri G.K. Roy presided. The meeting started with the Mother's tape recorded music.

The 24th monthly meeting of the Centre was held on 3-2-85 with the Mother's music and group meditation. Sri Rajan Ganguli of Sri Aurobindo Ashram attended the meet as the Guest-in-Chief and spoke at length about his personal experience with Sri Aurobindo.

As the Guest Speaker Sri Subodh Moitra narrated his experience when he first met Sri Aurobindo at Pondicherry Ashram. He emphasised that this meet enabled him to find out the meaning of life and death. He indicated that to realise the truth of existence one was to change one's consciousness to a higher level. Among others Sri N. C. Das Gupta of New Alipur Centre attended the meeting.

Bhowanipur: In its monthly meeting held on 10th January 1985 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee dwelt on in a very convincing way about the significance of Leap year (1984 being a leap year) as explained by the Mother.

Domjur: It organised weekly meetings on 16th, 23rd and 30th December 1984 and 6th and 12th January 1985. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee visited the Centre on 16th December 1984 and discussed in general the aims and objectives of World Union and how as an Organisation it started functioning. On 6th January 1985 he also spoke on 'Integral Yoga'.

Khar: The members in collaboration with Sri Aurobindo Peddar Road Centre celebrated the U. N. Day on 24-10-84 which date was also 7th anniversary day of installation of the portraits of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. Sri Sundaram explained the message of the Mother and Sri N. S. Amin spoke on the present threatening situation and indicated that it was spiritual awakening that could save the civilisation from utter extinction. He also stated that India being the torch-bearer of spirituality from time immemorial could lead the other bewildered nations of the world to the right path. Her guidance supported by the collaboration of all other nations would compel the U. N. to amend its Charter by bringing har-

mony with its preambles. He also pointed out that World Union Bombay Centre made an appeal to the U. N. in 1981 to declare 24th October every year as a World Holiday.

New Alipur: The 10th anniversary of the Centre was observed on the 3rd January 1985 when Tanuja read out self-composed poems and Mira recited Sri Aurobindo's poetry. Two minutes silence was observed to pay homage to the departed soul of an active member of the Centre – Sri Amiya Bannerjee. Thereafter the Chairman Sri A.K. Bhowmick explained the process of Evolution with reference to the political and spiritual back ground in respect of the year 1984. He indicated that a new force was at work awakening the younger generation. The New Force was at war with the old which resulted in the disasters of Punjab, Bhopal and Assam. Things were evident in India because she is the soul of the world.

North Bantra: It organised a discussion on 27-1-85 when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained that sincerity was a necessity to run a Centre. He also stated that the Bengali Monthly 'Manab Maitree' would satisfy all members who were not happy with English issue. He also suggested that a District Committee might be set up for efficient running of the Centres in the district.

North Calcutta: In its 129th monthly meeting held on 20-12-84 a Bengali article "Where Is Sri Aurobindo Now?" written by Sri Samar Basu was read and discussed. Sri Aurobindo left His mortal body on the 5th December 1950. He is ever present in the subtle physical plane and conducting the process of earth evolution. From the very beginning of this creation He has been there present in one form or another to help the progress of consciousness. At this time of crucial evolutionary crises Sri Aurobindo is helping and guiding the human kind to take the right and positive step towards the illumined future.

Rishra: On the 19th January 1985 it held its monthly discussions when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on "One of the ten Limbs of Sri Aurobindo's Sadhana". He also explained seriatim the subjects "Determination and Efforts and Aspiration and Rejection of three ranges of the Sadhana".

Salt Lake: Its 43rd monthly meeting was held on 12-1-85 with the opening song of Sutapa Mazumdar. Prof. Jagadish Chandra Bhattacharya, as the Guest Speaker discussed at length the concept of 'Yoga Sadhana' from Rig-Veda and the Upanishads and its influence on Buddhism, Christianity and Mohammedanism. In his discussion he also assessed the contribution of Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga. The meeting ended with devotional songs.

It held a special meeting on the 23rd January 1985 when Sri Samar Basu who visited the Centre for the first time explained the relation between 'The Life Divine & Viswamilan' by discussing at length the laws of Involution and Evolution and the progress of humankind towards the splendid future that awaits it. He also answered several questions raised by the members for further clarification of certain points.

Sodepur: The members observed 123rd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda in a befitting manner. Sri A.K. Guha, the Chairman of the Centre discussed about Vivekananda's contribution to the Society. He also indicated that this year 1985 was declared as "International Youth Year" which was to be celebrated by recollecting the inspiring words of Swamiji. His clarion call to the youth "Arise, Awake and go Ahead till you reach the Ultimate Goal" had to be solemnly remembered. Smt. Gita Gupta, Smt. Lila Guha and Sri S. Banerjee participated in the discussion.

Uttarpara: It held its 136th meeting on 12.1.85 when Sri Samar Basu as the Guest Speaker spoke on "The Life Divine and Viswamilan". In his long speech he explained how the progress of Evolution—the gradual unfolding of consciousness would bring about a change in the terrestrial life. He indicated that world unity was a necessity for the manifestation of divinity in life on earth.

Earlier he urged the members to peruse the Journal & Focus, specially the "MEMBERS' PAGE" where from they might get some guidelines to organise Centre's activities.

On the 9th February 1985 in its 137th meeting Sri Basu was also invited. In that meeting some portion of his booklet "PONDICHERRY KATADOOR" was read and discussed. Sri Nirmal Mukherjee and Sri Amiya Majumdar participated in the discussion and Sri Basu summed up them and explained—Why Ego is Helper and Ego is bar.

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FUTURE BELONGS TO THE YOUTH ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD GOVERNMENT

Youth must be encouraged to take up world's future and problems in their hands for their respective proper development and solution. They should not be in anyway hindered in carrying out that great task. It is essential that the Governments and Peoples of the world's Nation States ought to take immediate steps to establish, without delay, a World Authority as the existing Nation States have proved incapable to properly develop world's future and to solve world's difficult and varied problems.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

World Union's Convention and Conference at Bangalore:

World Union Bangalore Centre has prepared a Programme of the Session of the 4th National Convention and the Session of the 8th Triennial World Union Conference to be held on the 22nd, 23rd 24th and 25th November 1985 at Bangalore. We have received a copy of the Programme, which reads as follows:

Place:

BANGALORE

- (a) Nijaguna Kalyana Mandapa**
- (b) Dharmasthala Kalyana Mandapa**

2. Date:

22nd Friday, 23rd Saturday, 24th Sunday and 25th Monday.

3. (a) Delegate fee:

Rs. 150/- per head and for the accompanying delegate above 5 and below 18 years, irrespective of he being a member.

(b) Guest:

Rs. 200/-

(c) Accommodation is being provided purely for outside delegates.

4. It is proposed to have (1) PATRONS (2) DONORS AND (3) RECEPTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND DELEGATES

PATRONS	... Rs. 1,000/-
DONORS	... Rs. 500/-
RECEPTION COMMITTEE	
MEMBERS	... Rs. 250/-
GUESTS	... Rs. 200/-
DELEGATES	... Rs. 150/-

5. Tentative Programmes of the Convention:

22.11.1985 — Friday	... 2 PM to 4.30 PM Registration 5 PM to 7.00 PM Inauguration 7.30 PM to 9.00 PM Cultural Programme 9.30 PM (Dinner)
23.11.1985 — Saturday	... 6.00 AM to 7.00 AM Morning Coffee 7.30 AM to 8.00 AM Prayer Satsangh 8.00 AM to 9.00 AM Breakfast 9.20 AM to 11.20 AM I Session 11.20 AM to 1.20 PM II Session 1.20 PM to 2.30 PM Lunch 3.00 PM to 4.30 PM III Session 4.30 PM to 5.00 PM Coffee 5.00 PM to 6.30 PM Free Time 6.30 PM to 8.30 PM Cultural Programme 9.00 PM (Dinner)
24.11.1985 — Sunday	... As on 23.11.85 (SATURDAY)
25.11.1985 — Monday	... 6.00 AM to 7.00 AM Morning Coffee 7.30 AM to 8.00 AM Prayer 8.00 AM to 9.00 AM Breakfast 9.15 AM to 11.15 AM Valedictory Session Address Observations Vote of Thanks

**11.45 AM to 12.45 PM World Council
Meeting**

1.00 PM Lunch

3.00 PM to 5.00 PM Meetings of:

N. Council

N. Executive

N.G. Body 1

E. Committee

of Int. Centre

5.30 PM Coffee

6.00 PM to 7.30 PM Public Lecture

8.00 PM to 9.00 PM Farewell Dinner

The following subjects have been proposed to be taken up for the Convention: "THE WORLD IS PREPARING FOR A BIG CHANGE. WILL YOU HELP?" (Message of Mother)

SESSIONS I, II, III on 23. 11. 1985 (SATURDAY)

Subjects (i) VISION OF OUR WORK; (ii) THE WORK BEFORE US; AND (iii) THE RIGHT APPROACH.

Sessions IV, V, VI on 24.11.1985 - SUNDAY

(iv) THE FUTURE OF INDIA AND WORLD UNION; (v) YOUTH FORCE AND WORLD UNION; AND (vi) WORLD UNION MEMBERSHIP, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL EXPANSION.

Second Session of the Provisional World Parliament:

World Constitution and Parliament Association, 1480 Hoyt Street, Suite 31/Lakewood, Colorado 80215, U.S.A., of which Mr. Philip Isely is the General-Secretary, has convened the Second Session of the Provisional World Parliament at New Delhi from the 15th to 29th March 1985. The Parliament was inaugurated on the 17th March 1985 by Shri Zail Singh, the President of India and was presided over on the 17th March 1985 by Shri Balram Jhakar, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha of India, when it was stressed that the world was One and a World Authority was essential.

Sri S. G. Amin of Sri Aurobindo Ashram intended to attend the Second Session of the Provisional World Parliament but owing to the change of his circumstances, he could not go to New Delhi. Therefore he sent to Mr. Philip Isely the following draft resolution with a request to Mr. Isely to place it, in any altered form he thought best, before the Provisional World Parliament:

"Whereas it is obvious that the existing Nation States have proved incapable of preventing the manufacture and use of weapons of mass killings and destruction and

"Whereas the poisoning and contamination of life and even inanimate matter by chemical and other means goes on unabated and unchecked, threatening the very survival of all life on Earth,

"This Second Session of the World Provisional Parliament, meeting in New Delhi-India, calls on the Governments and Peoples of the World's Nation States to take immediate steps to establish, without delay, a World Authority with power to take possession of all such existing weapons and the means of their future production."

Report From Sri Aurobindo Bharat Ashram:

The inaugural ceremony of Sri Aurobindo Bharat Ashram, West Bengal (Sri Aurobindo Institute of Integral Education) was held in its own land on 24th February 1985 under the Chairmanship of Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya. Dr. Rama Chowdhury inaugurated the function.

The ceremony started at 10.15 AM with vedic hymn by Sri Ramadas Brahmachary following ten minutes meditation and prayers offered by the students and opening song sang by Km. Banasree Bhattacharya and Km. Kalpana Chakraborty. The offering of flowers to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother was given by all present and every one received the Mother's blessings.

In his introductory speech, Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya stated that Sri Aurobindo Bharat Ashram, West Bengal is desired to be a model of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, gradually in future. He further stated that real education of the nature of Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education, Pondicherry, is felt to be an imperative system which could only prepare the future generation of our Nation which our country so badly needs for its spiritual upliftment. The other wings of activities of the Ashram, like Reference Library, Publication, Polytechnic, Cottage Industries, Yogvyayam, Old Age Home, etc. are to follow in course of time.

Sri Jogendra Nath Chakraborty, Chairman of the Ashram who offered the land for the cause of the Mother's works, requested all to give their sincere cooperation and guidance to make this project a success.

Sri Ashit Bhattacharya, Chariman, Reception Committee gave thanks to all who were present for their cooperation.

Sri D.K. Bhattacharya, Prof. Pratul Chatterjee, Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Dr. Ratan Nandi, Sri Abhoy Ch. Dey, Sri Pabitra Kumar Sengupta spoke on this occasion.

In the post-lunch session, the following persons participated on the theme of Integral Education: (i) Sri D. K. Bhattacharya; (ii) Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee; (iii) Sri P. K. Sengupta; (iv) Sri Manotosh Biswas and (v) Sri Badal Chakraborty.

At the end of the letter dated 2. 3. 85 received from Dr. B. Bhattacharya, Secretary of Sri Aurobindo Bharat Ashram, enclosing the above Report appears the following note:

"For your information it is reported that the Primary Section which was started on 1st January 1985 is running well. The three storied building is constructed up to plinth level. We are trying to complete the ground floor this year. Other activities shall be started gradually and slowly."

Further donations received by World Union:

The following donations have been received:

(1) Mr. H.D. Patel, London	... ..	Rs. 2, 000-00
(2) Sri G.N. Sadhu, Ahmedabad	... ..	Rs. 251-00
(3) T.K. Sen, West Malaysia	... ..	Rs. 100-00
(4) Sri Nityananda Saha, Calcutta	... ..	Rs. 20-00
TOTAL	... ..	Rs. 2, 371-00

The total amount received so far is Rs. 41, 802/70



General Secretary
March 19, 1985

Life is a perpetual choice between truth and falsehood, light and darkness, progress and regression, the ascent towards the heights or a fall into the abyss. It is for each one to choose freely.

The Mother

MEMBERS' PAGE

Lion Prof. K.S. Viswanathan, Chairman, Nanjangud Centre, congratulating Sri M.P. Pandit for his valuable and timely suggestions to intellectuals and spiritual personalities through his Editorial of February 1985 issue of the journal, states, "Sri M.P. Pandit's observation has evoked spontaneous response from our hearts". He quotes the 4th para of the Editorial and makes an appeal to Sri Pandit to clarify what he means by the expression— "entering public life and participating in the gigantic effort of the nation." He asks, 'Does it mean that we should contest elections? If not, is there any other way by which we can contribute our mite to the good of the nation?'—He wishes that these two points are clearly spelt out.

Before we approach Sri M.P. Pandit we like to have the questions put by Prof. Viswanathan discussed by the members so that the Professor may be apprised of their observations. So, we request the members to go through this timely and well-meant Editorial (February 1985 issue) once again and let us know their comments clarifying the points raised by the Professor.

As regards the three questions (raised in the November 1984 issue) which we have been dealing with, we are sorry, we have'nt received any comments from any Centre as asked for through this page of March 1985 issue. So, we may wait for it

DIALOGUE (32)

BHARAT-SHAKTI and Indian Culture (i)

**Dr. Sharma
(Vice-Principal
of an Indian College) :**

Perhaps you all know that we have been thinking of organising this weekly class of questions and answers from the beginning of this year—as a special programme for International Youth Year. We are happy that most of the young students of our college have responded and we have been able to start the class right from this day. Today we are here to initiate the programme and if time permits, to discuss some questions which you may raise. Students of different faculties have assembled here; we see that some students from other colleges have also joined. It is indeed very

encouraging. The main purpose of this class is to guide the young students so that they may be able to find out the right path that leads to the goal of human life. This programme of work has been specially devised with a view to effectuating the inherent intention of the declaration that this year-1985 should be observed as 'INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR'. It is not that this class will not be continued after the expiry of this year. Though it is an extra-curriculum yet we must continue it in years to come till the advent of the 21st century, because, you are its forerunner. During this period you are to endeavour to widen your consciousness to ensure your inner growth and development, so that you may be able to usher in the NEW AGE.
Now has anybody got any question?

- Vijay : Yes Sir! Yesterday I had the chance to meet a group of students who have come from the University of California to visit a few Universities in India and have dialogues on various subjects with the students. This education-tour is a part of their programme for the Youth Year. One of them asked me—"How this very old country still survives with full vitality? We are told that the peoples of this land are backward and uncivilised. But what we see is quite different. How is it? We believe that there must be some perennial source of strength some where, but where is it? and how is it functioning?"— Since then Sir, I have been thinking of the questions.
- Dr. Sharma : Oh! you could'nt answer. It is a pity that we the people of this marvellous land, can not fully, realise what India actually is! But the young students of far-off country have been able to get hold of some glimpses of that luminous realisation during their short stay of one or two months. However, we must discuss the question in the next class. I shall be very much happy if our friends— those students of California attend it.

(to be continued)

From a Member's Diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Centres:

Bangalore: Under the joint auspices of the Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs and World Union "P. R. Ramait Memorial Lecture" was organised when Sri M. P. Pandit spoke on "World Union and the Youth" which was well attended.

Chakradharpur: The members celebrated the Mother's 108th Birth Anniversary on the 21st February 1984. In the evening session of the celebration Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on "Yoga and Ordinary Life". The celebration started with the hoisting of the Mother's Flag in the morning when the members of 'SISHU CHAKRA' participated in the March past. Thereafter at 10 A.M spiritual class was organised when passages from Sri Aurobindo's "The Essays on the Gita" was read and discussed. The local Girls' Middle and High Schools (Bengali Medium) also celebrated the Mother's Jayanti and Dr. Mukherjee spoke very nicely on the teachings of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo to the students.

Domjur: It held weekly and special classes on the 20th, 25th, 27th January and 3rd, 10th, 17th, 21st and 24th February 1985. In those classes political, social and religious subjects were discussed. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee visited the Centre on 17th February 1985 and explained four austerities -- as indicated by the Mother which, he emphasised should be practised by the members of the Centre.

The Centre also celebrated the Mother's Jayanti and Sri Ramakrishna's Janmatithi on the 21st February 1985 with readings from the Gita, Kathamrita and the Mother's selected works.

Nandannagar: In its 11th monthly meeting it celebrated the Mother's Jayanti on the 21st February 1985 under the Chairmanship of Sri Sadhan Chandra Ghosal. Sri Amulya Ratan Saha was the Guest-in-Chief and Sri Bikash Chakrabarty, Nirmal Chakrabarty, Gouri Sen and Kamal Chatterjee were special guests. The celebration started with devotional songs offered by Km. Sanghamitra Sen and Malina Ghosal.

Nandita Bose, Nanigopal Roy and others discussed the Life and Sadhana of Sri Ma and Sri Ramakrishna. With devotional songs of Tutu Saha, Sagar Datta and Sathi Ghosal the celebration ended.

New Alipur: The members observed the 7th February in memory of Nolinida who left his physical body on the 7th February 1984. Nolinida's observation in 'Beauty' was presented on the occasion with music and recital from the writings of Nolinida and Nishi Kanto by Tanuja, Mira and Juli. Dr. Mukherjee stressed on the point that individual

Sadhana was no less important in the collective movement. Rajen Ganguli of the Ashram spoke on 'Truth'.

North Bantra: It held its monthly meeting on 24th February 1985 when the members celebrated the Mother's Jayanti. Sri Basudev Pal and Sri Abhilash Mukherjee spoke on the occasion.

North Calcutta: It held its 130th monthly meeting on 22-1-85 with group concentration and chanting of hymns. After inaugural address by the Secretary, Prof. D. P. Sen, President, Bengal Theosophical Society, spoke on "Human Unity—a corollary to the Universal Principle of unity". He emphasised that principle of unity was being admitted by the philosophers, thinkers and scientists all over the world as an ever existing principle in Nature and concluded that truth of this Unity should be realised by the seekers within themselves. Prof. Sen invited the members to attend the lecture of Sri M. P. Pandit on 27th January at the Society Hall.

Sri Rajen Ganguly of the Ashram also spoke briefly on the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. The Bengali monthly journal "Manab Maitri" newly published for disseminating the ideal of Human Unity and World Peace on a spiritual foundation was displayed and members took copies with appreciation.

In its 131st monthly meeting held on 20.2.85 after devotional song offered by Smt. Gayatri Nag and group concentration and chanting of hymns the Secretary briefly discussed the spiritual importance of the 21st February—the day on which the Mother took birth on this planet. He emphasised that we must observe the birthday not with reverence and gratitude but also we must endeavour to follow the radiant path indicated by her for our spiritual progress to attain collective divine life. A prose piece from the Mother's conversation (in Bengali) on Tapasya was read.

Salt Lake: The Centre held its 44th monthly meeting on 9.2.85 in which the members after group concentration with devotional song, discussed the introductory lesson prepared by Dr. R. K. De, Chairman of the Centre for easy understanding of the aims and objects and activities of World Union. . . More lessons were there to be discussed in the subsequent meetings. In the introductory lesson the necessity of establishing world unity on a spiritual foundation was discussed. Through the discussion it was revealed that the past human endeavour to establish World Unity and World Peace failed because the movement was guided by human intellect and goodwill. Then it was briefly discussed how a programme for development of inner self of a human being in day to day life could be taken up.

Sri Ma Sinthi: It held its 4th anniversary along with the 10th anniversary of Sri Ma Centre on 24th February 1985 under the Presidentship of Dr. Biswanath Boral. Sri S.R. Das Sanyal graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. At the outset Sri C. L. Goswami read out messages received from Sri P. Counouma, Managing Trustee, Sri Aurobindo Ashram Trust, Sri A. B. Patel and Hon'ble Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau. This was followed by collective meditation. After tape-recorded song of Sri Tinkori Banerjee of Sri Aurobindo Ashram annual reports were read and passed.

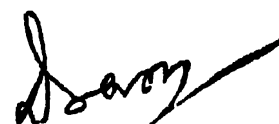
Then a musical drama 'Descent of Consciousness' was organised in which Sri Kanupriya Chatterjee of the Ashram and Sri S. R. Das Sanyal and C. L. Goswami participated in the dialogue portion of the drama and in its musical portion Sri Gour Bhaduri and Smt. Soobha Goswami participated. Sri Apurba Saha and Sri Kumar Mukherjee spoke on the occasion. After the Chief Guest's speech and address of the President the meeting ended with devotional song of Smt Ipsita Adhikary

Tamluk-Mahishadal: The 30th monthly Conference of the Centre was organised on 27.1.85 in remembrance of Swami Vivekananda and Youth Year. Sri P. Basu Principal, Tamluk College and Prof. T. N. Sarkar spoke on Swamiji and the significance of the Youth Year. After that selected passages from Swamiji and Sri Aurobindo were read out. Thereafter demonstration of Yogasanas, Physical Culture and Bratachari—Folk dance were organised by the children of "Anandamela Bratachari Sangstha" of Midnapur.

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WORLPEACE

World Union continuously affirms th the world is one and calls upon all people to live this oneness. Its whole iphasis is on this fact that unity, whole-ness, is a basic truth of human life, ilact all existence and that life can be lived most fully through an increasingwareness of this truth. So, it aspires for "A world union based on the fact' human unity", a realisation of world peace on a spiritual foundation, an awakening to this truth of our being until it becomes the ruling principle of ourves, lifting us above the discords and divisions of our superficial selves. As'orld Union is not trying to create unity but rather to heighten the conscioussrs of man to perceive the unity, that already exists, any act which helps dispel the feeling of difference and separateness of men is a step forward.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Shri Kantibhai Shah's talk on "Man inScientific Age":

Forum for Peace sponsored by World Uion, Pondicherry, working under the auspices of Sardar Patel University in Vallabh Vidyangar (Gujarat State) arranged a talk by Shri Kantibhai Shah which talk is as under:

"Though science always existed in oneway or the other 'the age of scisnce' was ushered into existence nearly four hundred yars ago when man started liberating himself from the power of God and Church and becoming a rational man given to empirical obser- vation and experimentation. Gradually he go so enamoured of science and scientific inven- tions that he ignored the concepts of spirituality, good, bad, virtue, moral and immoral. Bereft of divine element, intoxicated by ecinomic culture, he took to unbridled consu- merism. He exploited nature in every possible way and courted disaster," Shri Kantibhai Shah observed while speaking at the Nalini Avind Arts College, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat, on February 14, 1985. He condemned the boundless materialism and all pervading pollution which threaten the very survival of human rae and argued that science, which is immensely useful, should be made use of sagaciously. "A sane society is one where science and spirit- uality coexist," he said. Shri Kantibhai Shahdemanded that villages should be urbanised and cities should be ruralised. He also suggested how pollution can be contained.

Dr. D. D. Jadeja, Secretary of the firm, welcomed the guest speaker. Shri H. K. Yagnik recited prayer and Shri Sudhir Mukjee proposed a vote of thanks.

A Short Account of Installation Ceremony of Sri Aurobindo's Relics at Vallabh Vidyanagar:

Sri Aurobindo Sadhana Kendra has lit a beautiful building on land provided by Sardar Patel University at Vallabh Vidyanagar and Sri Aurobindo's Relics were installed in that building. The ceremony of receiving Sri Aurobindo's Relics, inauguration of the building and installation of Sri Aurobindo's Relics in that building by Shri Champaklalji of Sri Aurobindo Ashram is reported by Dr. D.D. Jadej Principal of Nalini Arvind & T.V. Patel Arts College, Vallabh Vidyanagar as under:

On the morning of 28th March 1985 at 11.00 O' Clock the relics brought from Pondicherry were received here near Bhaikaka Stn. (Shri Bhaikaka, it should be noted here, is the founder of this campus and was the former student of Professor Aurobindo Ghosh way back in 1906-1907 at Baroda College). Shri Champaklalji was also welcomed.

It is from this place the Shobha Yatra the relics started. The State Reserve Police Band played the Royal Salute Tunes and hundreds of school children in their neat uniforms recited slogans and hymns of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. As the procession neared the building, Shri Champaklalji unfurled the Mother's flag and the relics were placed on the pedestal for public Darshan.

The inaugural function of the new Shri Chimanlal A. B. Patel Building of Sri Aurobindo Sadhana Kendra, took place on the 29th of March 1985. Right sharp at 3.00 PM the function started. Dr. D.D. Jadeja, Chairman, Sri Aurobindo Sadhana Kendra Trust welcomed a large audience among which there were about 150 Sadhaks from all over Gujarat who had specially gathered to participate in the ceremony. Shri Champaklalji declared the new building of Sri Aurobindo Sadhana Kendra open. Prayer and meditation followed after the inaugural function. The grandeur and serenity emanating from the Relics and the two life size portraits of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo combined with the vast marble purity of the hall bathed the audience in perfect sanctity. The prayer and meditation almost transfigured the congregation.

Sharp at 3.30 PM Shri Champaklalji performed the Installation of Sri Aurobindo's relics amidst the chanting of hymns. After the ceremony, Shri R. N. Amin, President, Akhil Gujarat Aurobindo Mahamandal, Shri H. M. Patel, I. C. S. (Retd.) and M. P. and Shri Ambapremi Shah etc. made brief speeches. Dr. S.V. Vaishnav, Secretary of Sri Aurobindo Sadhana Kendra, proposed a hearty vote of thanks. At 6.00 PM, Prof. Jyotiben Thanki delivered a lecture on 'The Mother and Her Mission'. At 9.00 PM, the noted musicians of Gujarat Shri Atul Desai and Rasbehari Desai presented bhakti sangeet before a large congregation. It was quite a memorable sacred festival that Vallabh Vidyanagar celebrated on that day.

It is quite relevant to recall here that the Mother way back in September 1961 first permitted to open Sri Aurobindo Society Branch at Vallabh Vidyanagar. This is the first branch in the whole of Gujarat which received her consent long before this day.

It is also pertinent to note that Vallabh Vidyanagar World Union Branch is now housed in this new Chimanlal A.B. Patel Building of Sri Aurobindo Sadhana Kendra.

Nagar Panchayat of Vallabh Vidyanagar at its meeting held on 29.3.85 unanimously named the road on which Sri Aurobindo Sadhana Kendra is situated as "Sri Aurobindo Marg."

Further donations received by World Union:

The following donations have been received:

1. Mary Schreiner, U.S.A.	. . .	Rs. 600-00
2. Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau, Bangalore	. . .	Rs. 100-00
3. Sri H.K. Shantavearappa, Bangalore	. . .	Rs. 50-00
4. Sri H.S. Narayana Setty, Bangalore	. . .	Rs. 50-00
		<u>Rs. 800-00</u>

The total amount received so far is Rs. 42.402/70



General Secretary
April 19, 1985

MEMBERS' PAGE

We received further comments from Sri D.K. Bhattacharya, Chairman, Alambazar Centre with his logical analysis on observations of Sri Debabrata Biswas published in this page of March 1985 issue, which we appreciate.

We also received very pin-pointing answers from a member from Pondicherry which we think may be taken as conclusive. Endorsing the views of Sri Debabrata Biswas he states that because a man is an *individual* first his feeling is not susceptible of getting any major change according to the occupation he undertakes. If this proposition be accepted then it may be indicated that the concept of World Unity can be practised in his day to day life by each individual irrespective of occupational differences, if he develops an ardent and unshakeable faith that he is there to serve man. His profession is a chance or opportunity given to him by the Divine to render services to man who may be his patient if he is a doctor, his client if he is a lawyer, his student if he is a teacher, his customer if he is a businessman and his associate and neighbour if he is a commoner. He must serve with a feeling of love. This serving and loving attitude of him will help similar attitudes to grow in the minds of men who are served. And this attitude of love is the basis on which living in union with others can be founded.

As regards conducting of Workshops he endorses the suggestions of Dr. Chandra Kant P. Patel published in February 1985 issue of this page.

In regard to the third question he indicates that Nature's working in humanity is something inscrutable; so let the Nations settle down their border-disputes. May be these are necessary primary stages through which Nations must pass before they take the next step towards larger agglomeration.

DIALOGUE (33)

BHARAT-SHAKTI –and Indian Culture (ii)

(Continued from April'85 Issue)

Dr. Sharma : In our last class we were discussing the questions raised by a student of the University of California, who, in a group came to India to visit some Indian Universities with a view to realising what actually India is through dialogues with their Indian friends. This education-tour is a part of their programme for the Youth Year. The question he raised was 'How does this very old country still survive with full vitality?'

May I ask you Vijay to deal with the question?

Vijay : My friend from California presumes that the answer to his question may be traced out if we can determine the source of her strength—which he believes to be perennial, which makes India still survive.

Dr. Sharma : Yes. I think Nirmal will be able to find out the source.

- Nirmal** : I believe Sir, the source of her strength is latent there in the very foundation of her culture.
- Dr. Sharma** : Very good. Can you trace it out?
- Nirmal** : Yes Sir. But before doing that I like to suggest that a few cardinal points pertaining to the basic differences between Western and Indian Culture may be discussed because the question has been raised by a student who I'm afraid may not have any idea of spirituality.
- Vijay** : Yes! I think Nirmal's suggestion is quite justifiable. If you and my friends in the class permit I may open the discussion.
- Dr. Sharma** : All right. You may start.
- Vijay** : An intensive and deeper study of the history of Indian Culture reveals that Spirituality is the master key of the Indian mind. India saw from the very beginning that life-cannot be rightly seen in the sole light of its externalities nor can it be perfectly lived by its sole external power. She saw too that man has the power of exceeding himself, of becoming himself, more entirely and profoundly than what he is. Europe has recently begun to realise this truth. Though, the history of mediaeval times states that Europe had a culture in which the spiritual motive took the lead and that was by the dominance of Christian idea—and we all know that Christianity was of Asiatic origin, yet it is seen that differentiation of cultural temperament between Asia and Europe has on the whole been constant. We the peoples of this land believe that the harmony of the inner and outer man is the true meaning of civilisation and efficient condition of true progress. Whereas the peoples of the West treat material comfort, material progress, material efficiency as their gods of worship. All violent attacks on Indian ideals by the modern European civilisation represents the effective form of this materialistic culture. India, true to her spiritual motive, has never shared in physical attacks of Asia upon Europe.
- Dr. Sharma** : Excuse me Vijay; I'm sorry that I have to interrupt you. I think that you should be more precise and so you need not go in detail. It'll be very nice if you can pin-point the differences which are fundamental without elucidating them.
- Vijay** : I'm sorry Sir. Now I realise that I was a bit emotional when I was indicating the points. So, I request Nirmal to complete this issue.
- Dr. Sharma** : But there is also Krishnamurthy, I suppose that he will be able to deal with the matter.
- Krishnamurthy** : But Sir, time is nearly up. Perhaps I cannot finish what I have got to say on the issue within such a short time.
- Dr. Sharma** : Very well. We'll hear from Krishnamurthy in the next class.

(to be continued)

From a Member's Diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

Perhaps all concerned know that World Union Centres are set up for the purpose of disseminating the IDEAL of HUMAN UNITY and WORLD PEACE based on SPIRITUAL FRATERNITY as propounded by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Centres' activities (e.g. monthly meetings, periodical seminars; educational tours etc.) are to be so organised as to fulfil its purpose. FOCUS is meant for publicising such report of activities only to enthuse individuals, institutions and other same-minded organisations so that they may collaborate. Centres are requested to keep a note of it.

World Union Centres:

Beliaghata: It held its 25th monthly meeting on 17.3.85 when Sri D.N. Sur presided. Sri G.K. Roy, the Secretary and Sri D.N. Sur, the Chairman of the Centre narrated their experience of visiting the Ashram in February 1985. They contacted Sri M. P. Pandit and Sri Samar Basu and had long discussion with them regarding Centre's activities and celebration of International Youth Year.

Among others Sri Aloke Banerjee, Secretary, Domjur Centre, Sri P. K. Banerjee, Secretary Central Calcutta Centre and Sri N.C. Das Gupta of New Alipur Centre were present.

Afterwards the subject—"Ordinary Life and Spiritual Life" was discussed in which almost all the members took part. The meeting ended with prayer and meditation with the tape-recorded music of the Mother.

Chakradharpur: Sri K.B. Ghosh, Chairman of the Centre reports that the Centre jointly with the members of the Society held meetings:

- (1) to observe New Years' Day on 1. 1. 85
- (2) to discuss the activities of its Ladies Wing on 12. 1. 85
- (3) to celebrate Nolinida's birthday on 13. 1. 85
- (4) to observe the last day of National Youth Week on 19. 1. 85

In all these meetings many interested persons, teachers and students were present.

Domjur: It held Study Classes on 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st March 1985 when a few Chapters from 'The Ideal of Human Unity' were read and discussed. Sri M.P. Pandit's articles published in the January and February 1985 journals were also discussed.

Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee visited the Centre on 24th March. He explained how one might take lessons from the life and teachings of Sri Aurobindo. The memorable day of 4th April was also celebrated in the Local Library, where the major books of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo were displayed from 4th to 8th April 1985.

New Alipur: Its monthly meeting was held on the 7th March 1985 on the occasion of 'Holi' festival. An article on Sri Chaitanyadev and Sri Ramakrishna published in Jugantar (a Bengali daily) was read by Mira Mukherjee and the subject was discussed by Sri P. C. Banerjee, Sri A. K. Bhowmick (Chairman of the Centre). Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee concluded.

The members celebrated the 4th April—the memorable day of the completion of the 75th year of Sri Aurobindo's arrival in Pondy in a befitting manner. It was started with the reading from Savitri by Tanuja, from the Life Divine by Mira. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee raised the question "Is Spirituality a Necessity In Our Life. If So Why?" which was discussed by the members who felt very much interested in the discussion.

Raghunathpur: In its monthly meeting held on 2.3.85 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed the question "What is the difference between an ordinary Person and a Spiritual Person?" Then he explained how Nature has been working for the realisation of Human Unity. Thereafter, Sri Lalit Mohan Jati read out the article of the Mother on 'Child Education'.

North Calcutta: It held its 132nd monthly meeting on 20.3.85 when Dr. D.P. Sen, the President of the Bengal Theosophical Society, delivered his learned speech on 'From the Vedas to the Upanishads' in a scholarly yet lucid style. He traced evolutionary history of Vedic literature. He, citing suitable quotations from Sri Aurobindo established that the Vedas were the original fount of Eternal Truth and Knowledge which the Western critics could not realise.

With devotional song presented by Smt. Gayatri Nag the meeting ended.

Salt Lake: The 45th monthly meeting of the Centre was held on 9.3.85, when lesson No. 1 impressing upon the necessity of human unity realising the truth of the Spirit—in the context of the materialistic intellect in man without the corresponding development of spiritual element in him, was discussed. Lesson No. 2 was also read out and discussed. The lessons were prepared by Dr. R.K. De, Chairman of the Centre.

Uttarpara: In its 138th monthly meeting held on the 9th March 1985 a portion from Sri Samar Basu's booklet "Pondicherry Katadoor" was read by Sri S. K. Gupta and then the members took part in the discussion. Sri N.K. Roy raised some questions and they were also discussed.

The meeting was held at the house of Sri Amiya Sarkar Nandy (a Life Member) who made excellent arrangement for holding the meeting.



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"Until man in his heart is ready, a profound change of the world conditions cannot come; or it can only be brought about by force, physical force or else force of circumstances, and that leaves all the real work to be done. A frame may have then be made, but the soul will have still to grow in that mechanical body."

—The Ideal of Human Unity
Chapter-XXXII

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

The 26th annual meeting of the Executive Committee of World Union was held on the 23rd April'85 at 2 P. M. at the residence of Sri M. P. Pandit, Chairman of World Union.

The proceedings of the said meeting are given below for the information of the members.

The attention of the Local centres is particularly drawn to the proceeding No. 7 regarding celebration of World Union Day this year with the hope that they will proceed accordingly.

MINUTES OF THE 26TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF WORLD UNION HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF SRI M. P. PANDIT ON THE 23RD APRIL 1985 AT 2 P. M.

Before the commencement of the meeting, Sri M. P. Pandit requested everyone to stand up and observe 2 minutes silence to pay respectful homage to the memory of Smt. Indira Gandhi who was assassinated on the 31st October 1984. After that Sri M. P. Pandit requested Sri A. B. Patel to take up the Agenda of the meeting.

Sri A. B. Patel announced that the following members have expressed in writing their inability to attend: (1) Sri Ambapremi D. Shah; (2) Sri Ishwarlal M. Bhatt and (3) Sri K. S. Sridharan.

1. Minutes of the last meeting:

The Minutes of the 25th Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee held at Pondicherry on 16th August' 84 having been circulated was taken as read and approved by the meeting after necessary correction as pointed out by Justice Sri Nittoor Srinivasa Rau in his letter of 25th September' 84. No matter was raised out of the Minutes.

2. Annual Report for 1984 and matters arising therefrom:

Copies of the Annual Report were circulated. No matter was raised from the Report. As proposed by Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal and seconded by Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana the Annual Report was approved unanimously.

3. Audited Accounts for 1984 and matters arising therefrom:

Copies of audited accounts were circulated to the members. Then there was discussion on deficit in running the monthly journal and Sri Samar Basu elucidated certain points regarding expenses on publication of Journal. The accounts were then approved and passed by the meeting as proposed by Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana and seconded by Sri P.P. Bhattacharya:

4. Sri M.P. Pandit's proposal for the reorganisation of World Union:

Sri M.P. Pandit proposed that the World Union Journal be converted from a monthly into a Quarterly from January 1986, in view of the unmanageable increase in costs of production and want of resources in the central office. Also proposed was the stoppage of the FOCUS though all the information supplied through its columns would be given in the Quarterly in a new form. He also proposed that the membership fee would remain the same (Rs. 20/-) out of which the local centres could retain Rs. 5/- each. He further proposed that the Focus Life Members be requested to become Life Members of Journal by paying Rs. 200/- more or else they be supplied with the Quarterly for two years from Jan'86. And annual Focus members be supplied with one or two issues of the Quarterly according to the month in which their membership would expire in 1986. Sri Pandit reiterated the necessity of each member trying to develop the unity-consciousness in his personal life.

The house readily accepted his proposals and assured its cooperation in the work ahead. His other proposals regarding amendment of the constitution in respect of the formation of World Council and the Executive Committee were discussed and approved by the house. The house recommended that the same would be placed before the World Council which would meet in Bangalore in November this year to adopt the amendment.

5. Report of Regional Coordinators on their work done:

(a) Sri P.C. Banerjee - member - New Alipur Centre read out the report of Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee—Coordinator of Eastern Region.

(b) Sri N.S. Amin--Coordinator, Western Region who attended the Executive Committee Meeting read out his report.

Salient excerpts of the two reports will appear in the next combined issue (July-August'85)—as suggested by Justice Sri Nittor Sreenivasa Rau and seconded by Sri H.K. Shantavearappa of Bangalore Centre.

6. Provisional World Parliament – Second Session:

Sri N.S. Rao, Co-President of the W.C.P.A. informed the house that the Parliament was inaugurated by His Excellency the President of India and presided over by Sri Balaram Jakhar—Honourable Speaker of the Loksabha. He was unanimously elected as the permanent speaker of the Provisional World Parliament. The detailed report of the proceedings will be published in the next combined issue.

7. Celebration of World Union Day—20th August'85:

Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya suggested that topics could be selected from the Editorials published in the February, March and April'85 issues of Journal since good ideas were contained in it. Sri M. P. Pandit and Sri Samar Basu approved of his suggestion.

8. Any other business helpful for the progress of the Movement:

(1) Dr. Sitaram Jayaswal said that the suggestions of Sri M.P. Pandit were satisfactory and hence there should be no contradiction as to what has been decided.

(2) Sri M.P. Pandit stated that due to insufficient stock of paper it would not be possible to publish six monthly issues from July this year. Instead, he suggested, three combined issues might be published viz. July-August—one issue; September-October—one issue and November-December - one issue. His suggestion was approved by the house.

Barbara Quittenbaum presented to the members photographs of the Second Session of the Provisional World Parliament at New Delhi.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair. At about 4-30 P. M. tea and biscuits were served to all present.

NOTE:

(1) From January 1986—the monthly Journal will be converted into Quarterly. The 4 issues in a year will be released in March, June, October and December.

(2) Publication of the Focus portion will be discontinued though organizational activities and other information as are being supplied through its columns would be given in the Quarterly in a new form.

(3) Local centres are therefore requested not to enrol Focus Members henceforward.

(4) From July to December this year three combined issues will be published instead of six monthly issues as under:-

- (a) July-August . . . one issue to be released in August'85**
- (b) September-October . . . one issue to be released in October'85**
- (c) November-December . . . one issue to be released in December'85**

Further donations received by World Union:

The total amount received upto April'85 as shown in the	
May'85 Focus	Rs. 42,402-70
Donation received from Mr. S.P. Master, Mombasa, Kenya	1,000-00
Total upto May'85	<u>Rs. 43,402-70</u>

In the Focus Section of the May 1985 World Union Journal, it has been stated on Page 34 that "Sri Aurobindo Sadhana Kendra has built a beautiful building on land provided by Sardar Patel University at Vallabh Vidyanagar".

We regret that a mistake has crept in. It should read "on land provided by Charutar Vidya Mandal instead of Sardar Patel University".



**General Secretary
May 17th 1985**

MEMBERS' PAGE

Sri D. K. Bhattacharya, Chairman, Alambazar Centre, has sent his comments on the question raised by Lion Prof. K.S. Viswanathan, Chairman, Nanjangud Centre,—published in this Page of April issue. The question was raised for further clarification of the observations made by Sri M. P. Pandit in his editorial of February'85 issue. Sri Bhattacharya indicates that by the expression—"entering public life and participating in the gigantic effort of the nation. . ." the editor did not mean that World Union members would contest in the election nor it would be supposed that he had the intention that World Union members would take part in politics. Dr. Bhattacharya presumes that Sri Pandit might have meant—"Work" in some such areas of public life which were important for the growth of the nation. In support of his views—Sri Bhattacharya referred to the other editorials published during the last few months.

The editor very clearly indicated that the days of politicians had gone; with the advent of Sri Rajiv Gandhi the age of Statesmen would usher in. So, without getting involved in politics—World Union family might 'offer its unstinted support and cooperation to the forces of progress' so that India could 'contribute significantly to the growth of the world spirit of oneness in the world community.'

DIALOGUE (34)

BHARAT-SHAKTI — and Indian Culture (iii)

(Continued from May'85 issue)

Dr. Sharma : Today we are very much happy to see that a few of our friends from California are here in this class. They were specially invited to attend this class of Questions & Answers. But unfortunately they could not attend the last class. The questions which we have been discussing were put to Vijoy by one of them. We are glad that he is also present. Now let us recollect what we discussed in the last class. I think it is Krishnamurthy who is to deal with the question today. So, let us listen to him.

Krishnamurthy : It is very interesting Sir, that our friend who put the question also hinted something wherefrom the probable answer might be traced. He was astonished to see India,—a very ancient land of the east,—still surviving with full vitality. He believed that there must be somewhere a perennial source of her

strength. But where is it? This he intends to know. In the last class our friend Nirmal indicated that the source of India's strength was there latent in the very foundation of her culture. And Vijoy tried to elucidate some aspects of her culture, by comparing them with those of the West. Since our friends from California—are also here, I think it will be more wise to explain where does lie the uniqueness of Indian Art, Indian Literature, Indian Polity on the one hand and on the other her conception of life—that is to say the foundation of her culture.

Dr. Sharma: Yes, You are right. I think everyone of us appreciate his approach. So, Krishnamurthy please go on; or do you wish that some one else shall initiate the discussion?

Krishnamurthy : Yes Sir, I like to request Nirmal to start.

Nirmal Thank you Krishnamurthy. I feel very much happy that my views regarding perennial source of strength,—which may be termed as *Bharat-Shakti* has been accepted. I remarked that the source of *Bharat-Shakti*—is there latent in the very foundation of her culture. Now, first of all, we are to determine the right concept of culture: The culture of any country or nation may be defined as consciousness of the life of its people as expressed in their thoughts, ideals and aspirations, and secondly in their literature, arts, music, sculpture and other creative efforts and thirdly—in their institutions—social, religious and other fields of life.

Dr. Sharma Yes, Nirmal, your definition of culture is not only correct but very appreciable because it is precise and also complete. So, carry on.

Nirmal Now let us examine what is life to Indian or in other words Indian Concept of life.

By the word 'Life'—an Indian does not mean the period of time that exists between birth and death. On the contrary his conception of life starts from a deeper centre and moves on to a very different objective. And therefore an Indian recognises his life as a means to achieve that objective. The peculiarity of his will in life is that as has so nicely been affirmed by Maitrayee—a wife of yagnabalkya,—a great sage of the Upanishadic age. She said to her husband that she had no need of those earthly things which could not help her attain immortality. From her statement it is not very difficult to understand that the Indian will of life is that it feels itself to be unfulfilled and not in touch with perfection, if it does not live in the truth of the spirit. So, spirituality is the master key of Indian mind as pointed out by Vijoy in the last class.

Now let us examine what is being expressed in the thoughts of the people of India, what is their ideal and what they aspire for.

An Indian thinks that the significance of life and human existence is to grow progressively into more and more higher, wider and deeper consciousness by the development of his ordinary ignorant natural being into an illumined divine nature. Since the Indians believe that they are no ordinary race but they are a people of olden times, they recognise the spirit as the truth of their being and their life as a growth and evolution of Spirit. As their idea is that on the basis of creation there is spirit, so it is not difficult for them to realise Unity in Diversity. And therefore their ideal is—Unity for the human race by an inner oneness and they have been striving from time immemorial to materialise this ideal.

How this ideal is expressed in our literature, Art, music, etc, may be explained by my friend Krishnamurthy in the next class.

Dr. Sharma : Very good. Now time is up. Hope that our Californian friends will also attend the next class and take part in the discussion.

(to be continued)

— From a Member's diary

“... spirituality liberates and illumines the inner being, it helps mind to communicate with what is higher than itself, to escape even from itself, it can purify and uplift by the inner influence the outward nature of individual human beings. . . .”

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ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

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World Union Centres:

1. Bally: In its monthly meeting held on 27.4.85 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed and explained 'Spiritual Life'.

2. Beliaghata: It held its 26th monthly meeting on 21.4.85 when Sri Gautam Kumar Roy, the secretary of the centre,—discussed how to make necessary arrangements for a seminar in West Bengal to observe the 'International Youth Year-1985'. In this context Sri Roy recollected what he had discussed with Sri M.P. Pandit and Sri Samar Basu, while he and his chairman Sri. D.N. Sur had been in Pondicherry.

3. Bhandarhati: The members of the Centre in collaboration with the members of Tilak Sadharan Pathagar observed the 4th April—the 75th anniversary Day of Sri Aurobindo's arrival in Pondicherry in a befitting manner when Sri P.C. Addy, the Chairman of the Centre, spoke on the significance of the Day. Books of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo as also of other authors' works on their life and Sadhana were displayed which created a very encouraging impact in the minds of those who attended the happy occasion.

4. Bon Hooghly: It held its monthly meeting on 19.4.85 when a few members from Baranagar and Alambazar centres were present. The three editorials of February, March and April'85 issues of World Union Journal were discussed and appreciated by the members.

Sri P.P. Bhattacharya was the Guest-In-Chief and Sri D.K. Bhattacharya—was the Guest-participant. The members also condoled the sad demise of Sri Pravash Kumar Ghosh—a member of World Union, Bonhooghly Centre.

5. New Alipur: It held its monthly meeting on the 2nd May'85 with reading from 'Savitri'. Sri P.C. Banerjee gave a report of the Executive Committee Meeting held in Pondi-

cherry on the 23.4.85. Then Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee concluded the subject—"Value of Spirituality in Common Man". He emphasised that spirituality was the Destiny of man as stated by the Mother. He also indicated that since man was the only being in the whole creation who could change himself, he was destined to raise his consciousness to a higher level by his conscious effort. And therefore his "all life was Yoga". Other members also participated in the discussion.

6. Rishra: In its monthly meetings held on the 16th February and 20th March'85 Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee spoke on the objectives of 'Aspiration, Rejection and Surrender' of Sri Aurobindo's Self and Sadhana. Members also discussed all the questions published in the Member's Page of Nov'84.

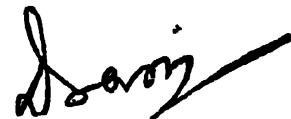
(Note: The discussion on the questions as published in the MEMBER'S PAGE of May'85 was treated as conclusive)

7. Saltlake: It celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of World Union Library on the 13th April'85, when Smt. Anjali Roy, the Secretary of the Centre pointed out the speciality of the library having its aim towards spread of spiritual, cultural and integral education through its selected stock of books.

It also held its 46th monthly meeting on the same date when the members discussed the Lesson. No. 3 dealing with philosophical and spiritual foundation of World Union.

8. Sri-Ma-Sinthi: It celebrated '24th April'—on the same day at 9 A.M. with flower offering and meditation. On the 1st May' 85, the members observed Sri A.B. Patel's 89th birth anniversary Day, Sri C. L. Goswami discussed Sri Patel's contribution to World Union movement. (Note: It was published in April'85 Focus that Sri S.R. Das Sanyal was the guest-in-chief— in its meeting held on 24. 2. 85. It was Sri M. Roy who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, and not Sri S. R. Das Sanyal. We are sorry for this mistake which occurred by an oversight.)

9. Uttarpara: In its 139th monthly meeting held on 13th April'85 the subject 'Spiritual Development of Humanity'—was discussed. Sri N. K. Roy initiated the discussion and Sarvasri J. L. Chakrabarty Amiya Majumdar, Nirmal Mukherjee and Sri Nivas Chatterjee participated in the discussion. Sri S.K. Gupta summed up indicating the idea as envisaged by Sri Aurobindo in his 'The Ideal of Human Unity'.



Deputy General Secretary.
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Smt. Indira Gandhi's message
to the W. C. P. A. on the occasion of its 4th
annual conference held in New Delhi in
1981.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Second Session of the Provisional World Parliament:

"The present world situation makes it necessary to have a World Constitution, a World Parliament and a World Government"—said Hon'ble Sri Bal Ram Jakhar, Speaker, Lok Sabha, while inaugurating the 2nd Session of the Provisional World Parliament (P.W.P.) at New Delhi, on March 17, 1985. The session was attended by 900 people from various countries of the world. Hon'ble Speaker concluded his statement saying—"I would like to assure you that my services will always be available for the promotion of the ideals of establishing a true World Community and World Government". He accepted to serve as Honorary Speaker of the P.W.P.

His Excellency Zail Singh, the President of India, in his address applauded the aims of the Parliament.

Mr. Philip Isely, Secretary General of the W.C.P.A., in his short address explained the

reasons why World Government could no longer be ignored as a dream for the distant future. They were:

1. Nuclear disarmament and complete disarmament could not be reached by negotiations among sovereign nations. The proof was in the record of disarmament conferences for the past 30 years.
2. The people of Earth were being confronted with a new common enemy – the rapid increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere which was causing extreme changes in climate, weather and agricultural production.
3. In 1984, the burden of debt of the developing countries rose to nearly \$ 900/- Billion and payments to \$ 90/- Billion, mainly for interest – not for badly needed new development. This is an intolerable situation and cannot last.

Among others Hon'ble Ram Nivas Mirdha M.P., and a Vice-President of the W.C.P.A., Mr. Reinhart Ruge, Co-President of the W.C.P.A., Sri Sat Paul Mittal M. P. and Smt. Savitri Nigam M.P.—spoke on the occasion.

During the session which continued upto 25th March, three "*World legislative bills*" and two Resolutions were adopted. The adopted Bills were: (a) *Emergency Earth Rescue Administration*; (b) *World Government Corporation* and (c) *World Commission on Terrorism*.

The Resolutions were for: (1) Zones of PEACE and NUCLEAR free Zones. (2) Goal of the ten million signers.

During the Parliament a delegation met Sri Rajiv Gandhi, Prime Minister of India. During the 30 minutes' meet Mr. Philip Isely described the historical situation when he met with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in 1961 and requested him to take action to help convene a World Constitutional Convention for World Government. But he demurred the proposal on grounds that first the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R must agree to disarm. Mr. Isely also approached Smt. Indira Gandhi and made several appeals to her; she favoured World Government but deferred definite action. Now, he appealed to Sri Rajiv Gandhi as the Prime Minister of India and also as the young leader of the Non-aligned Movement of the Third World to take the bold action truly and desperately needed to move in the direction of World Government by specially recommending provisional ratification of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth and participating in the 1987 session of the World Constituent Assembly.

Sri. Gandhi replied in much more general terms although saying that he would study the materials.

Some delegates also met for 20 minutes with Hon'ble Y.V. Chandrachud—the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India since 1978, and he agreed to serve the P.W.P., as an Honorary Sponsor. He wrote—"I approve the aims and purposes of the P.W.P., and agree to serve as an Honorary Sponsor. The P.W.P., must become the focal point for the radiation of peace, goodwill and humanity all over the world. The people of the world must marshall their strength and courage to halt the nuclear race. . . .".

Upon adjournment of the Parliament in New Delhi, a group consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Isely, Mr. Ruge and Dr. T.P. Amerasinghe went to Kathmundu, Nepal for three days' meeting with the Prime Minister of Nepal.

SALIENT EXCERPTS OF THE REPORTS OF THE REGIONAL COORDINATORS READ OUT IN THE 26TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 23RD APRIL 1985.

(1) Report of Dr. S. Mukherjee, Co-ordinator Eastern Region;

During 1984 more importance was given to revive the old defunct Centres than to form new centres. For efficient effectuation of this important programme, bodies of district co-ordinators were set up in Hooghly and Howrah districts in West Bengal and Singhbhum district in Bihar. As a result of the endeavour most of the dormant Centres have become active which facts were published from time to time in the Focus.

To commemorate the International Youth Year --1985, a Bengali monthly journal under the title of *MANAB MAITREE* is being published from Calcutta from January this year. This publication has satisfied to some extent the long felt necessity of the Bengali members of World Union in the Eastern Region.

Special classes on Sri Aurobindo's literature are being conducted in Chandernagar, Bagnan, Rishra, Domjur in West Bengal and in Chakradharpur in Bihar, in addition to the periodical visits of other Centres in Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal. A few spiritual institutions and organisations in the region are also occasionally contacted.

(2) Reports of Sri N.S. Amin, Co-ordinator Western Region:

World Union Centres in Bombay jointly celebrated World Union Day in August'84 and United Nations Day in October'84 when other sister organisations like Sahakar and Sangam Centre participated. An enthusing get-together was also organised at Sahakar when Sri Jayantibhai Patel, Chairman, World Union National Centre, U. K. delivered a very educative and informative lecture on the teachings of Sri. Aurobindo.

The most important and memorable event took place in the spiritual history of the state of Gujarat when Sri Aurobindo Sadhan Kendra was opened on the 29th March this year with the installation of Sri Aurobindo's Relics in the shrine of the Kendra. The building being constructed in the campus of Vallabh Vidyanagar University becomes the source of inspiration to the education society of the state. From some time past Dr. Jadeja has been conducting Forum for Peace sponsored by World Union in the said university. It is encouraging that the Sadhan Kendra is accommodating World Union office in its building which will help a lot in the effective progress of the movement in the state.

FORUM FOR WORLD PEACE:

The Deputy Registrar, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, has sent the following Annual Report which contains the report of the activities of the Forum for World Peace during the year 1984-85 of the University.

“FORUM FOR WORLD PEACE” is established at Sardar Patel University as a branch of ‘World Union’, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry. It is funded by “World Union”. ‘World Union’ is a non-profit, non-political organisation based on spiritual foundation.

The Vice-Chancellor as president of the forum for World Peace has nominated Dr. Dilavarsinh D. Jadeja, Principal, Nalini Arvind & T.V. Patel Arts College, Vallabh Vidyanagar, as the Secretary of the Forum for World Peace.

The following lecture-cum-discussions were arranged during the academic year 1984-85 by the Forum at Nalin-Arvind & T.V. Patel Arts College:-

Sr. No.	Speaker	Subject	Date
1.	Dr. Ganesh N. Devy Reader in English M. S. University Baroda Baroda	Culture and consciousness	2-8-1984
2.	Shri Kantibhai Shah Editor Bhoomiputra Baroda	Man in Scientific Age	14-2-1985
3.	Prof. D.N. Pathak Director Peace Research Centre Gujarat Vidyapeeth Ahmedabad	Peace Research and Peace Education (Published in the Journal portion of this issue.)	20-2-1985

A statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1984-85 has also been received along with the report.

UNIVERSAL EDUCATION FOR MAN

Sri J.N. Puri of H-33, Masjid Moth, Greater Kailash II New Delhi 110048, in his letter of May 20th, pinpointed various aspects of global problems that have engrossed human lives in the present-day world and indicated that all nations and people must strive together in a spirit of co-operation to find out ways and means to get rid of the problem.

‘Universal Education for Universal Child/Youth/Man & Woman can pave the way for achieving the objectives’, he suggested and urged the members of World Union who had been given ample opportunity to grow and develop larger and higher consciousness under the guidance of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo to come forward to undertake some practical steps to pave the way for Universal Education for Man. He also requested all interested members to contact him at his above address for further discussion on the project.

Further donations received by World Union:

The total amount received upto May'85 as shown in
the June'85 Focus

. Rs. 43,402-70

The following donations have been received:

(1) Divya Raval, U. K. (£ 10/-) Rs. 141-20

(2) M/S Auro Service, Bhadrakali
West Bengal Rs. 100-00

(3) Mr. C.N. Amin, U. K. (£ 5/-) Rs. 77-20

(4) Sri Mahendra Jagannath Pandya,
Gujarat Rs. 51-00

(5) Mr. Christoph Graf, Switzerland . . . Rs. 192-75

. . . . Rs. 562-15

Total amount upto June'85

Rs. 43,964-85

General Secretary
June 17th 1985

MEMBERS' PAGE

We are sorry that we have received no further comments from any member on questions raised by Lion Prof. K.S. Viswanathan, Chairman, Nanjangud Centre, on the editorial of February '85 and published in this 'PAGE' of April '85 issue.

We may wait for sometime and then ask our editor to clarify the points for the information of our members interested in the issue.

DIALOGUE (35)

BHARAT-SHAKTI – and Indian Culture (iv)

(Continued from June'85 issue)

Dr. Sharma : In our last class it was decided that Krishnamurthy would discuss how our ideal—Unity for the human race by an inner oneness was expressed in our literature, Art, Music etc. We are happy that our Californian friends have all come. Here is a slip and I see from it that Ronald and Philip will take part in to-day's discussion. They are heartily welcomed and we shall listen to them and try to answer their question if they like to put any. Now, Krishnamurthy please initiate the discussion.

Krishnamurthy : Before I start discussing to-day's subject, I like to indicate the greatness and uniqueness of our culture so that we may realise its principle and essential intention. It is not an exaggeration to state that Indian Culture was extraordinarily high, ambitious and noble, the highest indeed that the human spirit can conceive, because its idea of life, as has already been indicated, is to make it a development of Spirit in man; because it conceives of life as a movement of the Eternal in time, of the Universal in the individual, of the infinite in the finite and Divine in man, and because it holds that man can become not only conscious of the eternal and the infinite but also live in its power and universalise, spiritualise and divinise himself by self-knowledge. What greater aims can be for the life of man than to grow by an inner and outer experience, till he can live in God, realise his spirit, become divine in Knowledge, in will and in the joy of his highest existence?

Ronald Excuse me Sir, I know our friend Krishnamurthy has got many other points to elucidate and discuss for justifying the uniqueness and greatness of Indian Culture; but as for ourselves we are well convinced and we need no further explanation and elucidation of this aspect of Indian Culture. What we need is something else. It is a fact that India is a spiritually developed but materially backward country. The reason for her backwardness, we believe may be traced out in the mode of living of her people who have been

neglecting the material aspect of existence from time immemorial to follow the teachings of some ascetics—and religious doctrines. If that be so, we think that this lapse on the part of the people of India has hindered her material progress. We shall be very much happy to have some light on this aspect of Indian Culture.

Dr. Sharma : Thank you Ronald! you have raised a very important and interesting point for discussion. I think this issue may be taken up after Krishnamurthy completes his observations. So, let us listen to him.

Krishnamurthy : It is indeed very encouraging that our Californian friends have taken so much interest in studying Indology with a very deeper insight. We know that the material aspect of existence, with its vice and virtue, cannot be brushed aside when we discuss our Culture. Our art, literature, sculpture, music and drama have not been created denying this aspect of existence; yet we believe that this aspect is not the alpha and omega of our life. We have the capability of realising the deeper truth of our existence the glimpses of which are reflected in our culture. I think Nirmal may be able to explain it more convincingly.

Nirmal : Thank you, Krishnamurthy, let me try. My friend has explained that our ideal is to realise the truth of our being. He has also stated that some glimpses of that truth are reflected in various fields of our culture. By this, our Californian friends must not mean that all Indian work realises this ideal: there is plenty no doubt that falls short, is lowered, ineffective or even debased, but it is the best and the most characteristic influence and execution which gives its tone to an art, a sculpture, an architecture by which we must judge. We must not forget that to enter into the whole meaning of Indian artistic creation an aesthetic instinct as well as spiritual insight are necessary, or else we get only at the surface external things. Ours is an intuitive and spiritual art and must be seen with an intuitive and spiritual eye. This principle of appreciating Indian art is, in general, applicable to seeing and realising the meaning of Indian sacred architecture,—which belongs to the past as also her ancient sculptural work because they spring from spiritual realisation. That is to say we must have a different mind, a different capacity of vision,—because we need go deeper into ourselves to see than the more outwardly imaginative art of Europe. I'm afraid, we have't sufficient time to carry on the discussion on Indian literature, music etc. in this class. I therefore, on behalf of our College, request Ronald, Philip and other friends from California to attend the next class also, when we hope, we will be able to finish the discussion on this issue as also the points raised by Ronald. Thank you.

From a Member's diary,

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World Union Centres:

1. Bangalore: It held its general body meeting on the 14th April'85 to pass the audited statement of accounts and adopt annual report. It was also decided that the present office-bearers would continue for another year. On the 9th May'85 its members in collaboration with the members of the Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs observed the birth anniversary of Gokhale when Prof K.H. Chaluvarya, Head of the Dept. of Political Science, Bangalore University, as the Chief Guest, gave a scholarly discourse on the Political Philosophy, the Social reformation and the Servant of India Society of Gopala Krishna Gokhale.

2. Beliaghata: In its 28th monthly meeting held on 2nd June'85, Sri Rajen Ganguli—the guest speaker, answered the question put by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee—the chief guest,—‘Why this degeneration if evolution was in progression?’ Sri Ganguli stated that the real cause was the crisis of consciousness—which resulted in a clash between the old and the new consciousness.

The meeting was presided over by Sri G. K. Roy—the Secretary of the Centre.

3. Chakradharpur: On the 15th May'85 Dr. S. Mukherjee conducted the 3rd monthly class on “ESSAYS ON THE GITA” when members of both World Union and Sri Aurobindo Society were present. Next day in a Question-Answer class—several questions from Sri Aurobindo's ‘The Mother’—were put and Dr. Mukherjee answered them in a very lucid way and all were convinced.

4. Khar: It organised a meeting on 18th May'85 in collaboration with Sri Aurobindo Society at Gita Mandir Hall when Sri M.P. Pandit spoke on “Towards 21st Century”, which was well-attended. The talk was very much illuminating and covered by reporters of different Newspapers.

5. New Alipur: It held its monthly meeting on the 6th June'85 with the reading from 'Savitri' by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee. Then Sri Rajen Ganguly of Sri Aurobindo Ashram spoke on the Mother's teaching on Sadhana. In course of his speech Sri Ganguly pointed out that the Mother could not tolerate fear—(specially of death), doubt and pretension. He also indicated that World Union, according to the Mother, could be realised in a state of higher consciousness. Then Sri Ganguly spoke at length on consciousness.

6. North Calcutta: In its 133rd Monthly meeting held on 22nd April'85 started with chanting of hymns, Sri Gour Mohan Chatterjee—read out a few prose-pieces from the Mother's writings which inspired the audience.

It held its 134th monthly meeting on 20th May'85 when Sri Rajen Ganguly of Sri Aurobindo Ashram spoke on 'The Mother and her workings'.

7. Salt Lake: Its 47th monthly meeting was held on 11th May'85 to celebrate 124th birth anniversary of Tagore with offering of Tagore's Songs and recital from his poems. Smt. Anjali Roy read out her own essay on 'Rabindranath's *Viswa-Vodha*' in which she tried to trace out with suitable quotations—the identity of the same with Sri Aurobindo's 'Integral Consciousness'. She also pointed out that 'Santiniketan' and 'Auroville'—were the manifestation of Rabindranath's '*Viswa Vodha*' and Sri Aurobindo's 'Integral Consciousness'—respectively. Sri S.K. Roy Chowdhury spoke about Rabindranath's nationalism.

The celebration was presided over by Dr. R. K. De.

The meeting also decided to shift the Library to a rented room at Rs. 150/- per month, which will be shared by the members.

In its 48th monthly meeting held on 8th June'85 the last part of Lesson No.3 (prepared by Dr.R.K.De)— dealing with obstacles on the way of descent of the Supramental power was read out and discussed.

8. Sultanpur:- It celebrated the Mother's birthday on 21st February'85, Sri Mahavir Jayanti on 3rd April'85 and Lord Buddha Jayanti on 4th May'85 to propagate the ideals of Truth, Love, Peace and Non-Violence—which were the sole panacea to cure the ills of the present-day world. Dr. D.C. Bank read out selected extracts from the book—''Sweet Mother: Harmonies of Light''— about Sri Ma's views on Savitri.

Sri Prabhakar enunciated Tirtankar Mahabir's philosophy of Ahimsa.

Shri B.P.Pandey, Sri D.K.Gupta, Sri R.K. Jaiswal and Shri S.H. Ojha elucidated the gospel of Lord Buddha for annihilation of suffering from the World, by giving up all the evils of life and then living a life of Truth, Love and Ahimsa in thoughts and deeds as enshrined in the age-old maxim — '*Be good, Do good*'.

9. Uttarpara: It held its 140th and 141st meetings on 11th May'85 and 8th June'85. In the former meeting the members paid homage to Rabindranath and discussed a portion of a letter from a friend in Pondicherry — which contained extracts from Bhavan's Journal of January 16-31 — regarding prophecy of Sri Aurobindo about future of India which was appreciated by all. Then a portion of Sri Samar Basu's Booklet — '*ANNWESHU SAMLAP*' — was read out and discussed. And the discussion continued also in the latter meeting, in which Sarva Sri N.k.Roy, A. Majumdar, J.L. Chakravarty, Sushil Chakravarty and others participated.

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OURS IS A MOVEMENT UNTIL THE GOAL IS REACHED

"..... Go on we must; for if we do not, Time itself will force us forward inspite of our fancied immobility. And this is the most pitiable and dangerous movement of all. For what can be more pitiable than to be borne helplessly forward clinging to the old that disintegrates inspite of our efforts and shrieking frantically to the dead ghosts and dissolving fragments of the past to save us alive? And what can be more dangerous than to improve immobility on that which is in its nature mobile? This means an increasing and horrible rottenness; it means an attempt to persist on as a putrid and stinking corpse instead of a living and self-renewing energetic creature. The greatest spirits are therefore those who have no fear of the future, who accept this challenge and its wager; they have the sublime trust in the God or Power that guides the world, that high audacity of the human soul to wrestle with the infinite and realise the impossible, that wise and warrior confidence in its ultimate destiny....."

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TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

THE UNITED NATIONS AT FORTY

1985 marks the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations. The Charter of the U.N. was signed at San Fransisco on 26 June 1945 and came into force on and from 24 October 1945. On 17th December 1984, the General Assembly of the U.N. decided that 1985 should be observed as the year of the United Nations and that a commemorative session of the General Assembly should be held for a short period culminating on 24 October 1985. Accordingly the General Assembly invited Member States and organisations of the U.N. System and appealed to the international mass media as well as non-governmental organisations and educational institutions to organise appropriate commemorative activities.

The Preparatory committee set up for this purpose, has been carrying on the monumental task effectively and efficiently as is revealed from its reports submitted to the General Assembly.

We all know that the U. N. emerged from the most disastrous war that the people of this planet earth had ever experienced. History recorded that over 30 millions eartheans were killed during the second world war. World leaders who witnessed that tragedy and the at-

tendant social disruption and economic ruin were determined to prevent a repetition. They sought to effectuate their determination by creating an Organisation for international co-operation. Thus the present World Organisation was set up. The hope of the leaders were set forth in the Preamble to the Charter of the new Organisation. The charter was signed on the 26th June 1945 in San Fransisco, when the Second World War had ended in Europe but was continuing in Asia where the end of the war ushered in the terrible dawn of the nuclear age.

The U. N. started functioning from 24 October '45 with 51 founding members. In four decades the membership has more than tripled. Now it is 159. Under the Charter the Security Council is the Central authority to maintain world peace and security. It has five permanent members (China, France, Soviet Union, United Kingdom and the United States of America each with the power to veto action). During the last four decades the Organisation was dealt successfully with many serious issues. But international conflicts have persisted and many other serious problems remain unsolved. The U. N. proposed ways to deal with many of these but it cannot impose solutions, for it is not a world government. Its members are sovereign States and the Organisation can work only if they cooperate. Here, in this context we may recall what Sri Aurobindo commented on the prospects of the U.N. in 1950, just five years after its formation which was published as the Post Script Chapter of 'The Ideal of Human Unity'.

"The League of Nations came into being as a direct consequence of the first war, the U. N. O. similarly as a consequence of the second world-wide conflict.... ."

'The League of Nations was in fact an oligarchy of big Powers each drawing behind it a retinue of small States and using the general body so far as possible for the furtherance of its own policy.....'

In the constitution of the U. N. O. an attempt was made, in principle at least to escape from these errors; but the attempt was not thorough-going and not altogether successful. A strong surviving element of oligarchy remained in the preponderant place assigned to the five great Powers in the Security Council and was clinched by the device of the veto.....

The real danger at the present second stage (the first stage being the League of Nations) of the progress towards unity lies not in any faults, however serious, in the building of the U.N. Assembly but in the division of the peoples into two camps which tend to be natural opponents and might at any moment become declared enemies irreconcilable and even their common existence incompatible. If this element is eliminated, a world in which these two ideologies (capitalism and communism) could live together, arrive at an economic interchange, . . . need not be at all out of the question. *This development is indeed the final outcome which the foundation of the U.N.O. presupposes, for the present organisation (the U.N.) cannot be itself final, it is only an imperfect beginning useful and necessary as a primary nucleus of that larger institution in which all the people of the earth can meet each other in a single international unity: the creation of a World-State is, in a movement of this kind, the one logical and inevitable ultimate outcome."*

THE FIRST REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE W.C.P.A. IN INDIA.

As Sri Aurobindo envisages, the U.N. is not the ultimate outcome of the peoples'

endeavour to set up a world organisation to ensure peace and security. Many a Non-governmental world organisations were constituted — within 15 years of the formation of the U.N. and have been marching since then towards the fulfilment of the long-cherished hope of the earthians. Of them the progress of work of the W.C.P.A is indeed very encouraging. It started its work with the drafting of A constitution for the Federation of Earth and convened a World Constituent Assembly to adopt the Constitution in 1977 and thereafter according to the provisions laid down in the constitution it has been striving for getting the constitution provisionally ratified by the National Governments on the one hand and on the other it has been holding Provisional World Parliaments (P.W.P.) The first P.W.P. was held in Brighton in September 1982 and the second in New Delhi in March'85. The Parliaments have already enacted a few bills. Now in India it endeavours to carry out an intensive work with the holding of Regional Conferences in different Regions of the country. Accordingly the Southern Regional Conference is scheduled to be held in Pondicherry during 11th to 13th October 1985. The Conference shall discuss the Bills adopted in the two Parliaments and other ancillary work so far done. It is learnt that the Conference will be inaugurated by His Excellency, Sri T.P. Tewari, Lt. Governor, Pondicherry. Several M.P.'s including Hon'ble Ram Niwas Mirdha, Union Minister of State for Communication are expected to attend the Conference. It is since learnt that Mr. Reinhart Ruge — co-President of the W.C.P.A. is also attending.

May this endeavour of the W.C.P.A. be crowned with success so that it may get sufficient impetus to take the next step of progress.

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MEMBERS' PAGE

Since we received no further comments on the points raised by Lion Prof. K.S. Viswanathan, Chairman, Nanjangud Centre in regard to the Editorial of February'85 issue of the Journal, published in this 'PAGE' of April'85 issue, we may take the explanations given by Sri D. K. Bhattacharya as appeared in the June'85 issue, as conclusive. Nonetheless we may approach our Editor for further elucidation of his observation which may appear in this 'PAGE' in the next combined issue.

Perhaps the members are becoming aware of the fact that the purpose of introducing this 'PAGE', that is to say, to rouse interest in the minds of the members, is not being satisfactorily fulfilled for reasons quite unknown to us. It is therefore, not justifiable to continue this feature any longer in view of the increased cost of printing and paper. So, it is decided that publication of this PAGE, will be discontinued from January'86, when 'Focus' portion of the journal will not be published separately. Only the reports of activities of centres in India and abroad as also of other sister organisations striving for World Peace and Human Unity, will be focussed in brief for information of the members and readers at large.

DIALOGUE (36)

BHARAT-SHAKTI – and Indian Culture (v)

Dr. Sharma : Perhaps all of you remember that in the last class Nirmal stated that he would be able to finish the discussion on the points raised by Ronald—one of our Californian friends in this class. Ronald pointed out certain lapses on the part of the people of India which had hindered her material progress. He indicated that for centuries together the people of this land had been neglecting the material aspect of existence to follow the teachings of some ascetics and a few religious folds. So, let us listen to what Nirmal has got to say in this regard. We are happy that Ronald and few of his friends are present. Then, Nirmal, you may start.

Nirmal : Though there is no gainsaying, as our friend Ronald indicated that the root cause that hindered India's material progress may be traced out in her people's trend to asceticism, yet it must be admitted that in human perfection ascetic spirit is an indispensable element. It is not only through the material upgradation of life that humanity progresses, the passionate aspiration of man upward to the Divine is also a necessity. However, if we judge the issue from wider view points it may reveal that to test the extreme assertion each of the two great opposites—the materialist's this worldliness and the asce-

tic's other-worldliness —, is necessary and helpful for the progress of mankind. We see that for centuries together the West has been experimenting the material aspect of life by insisting Matter as reality and the Beyond—a dream of mind, while the East has been experimenting spiritual aspect of life by insisting on pure Spirit as the sole reality and the material world of body, life and mind is *Maya*—non existent. Perhaps the time has now come when the ancient quarrel can be decided, because the West has begun to welcome the ideals of the east and the east has begun to realise— the truth of material. Science and its real utilities in the final harmony. Then, I think Ronald, Philip, Krishnamurthy, Vijoy and all other friends have realised that the need of the hour is to have a synthesis of the two extremes for the progress of humanity.

Now, let us come to our original topic — '*Bharat-Shakti*'.

Dr. Sharma : Well said Nirmal, your analysis is very much appreciable. Now, Vijay, will you please throw some light on the query— where does lie the perennial source of Shakti?

Vijoy : In our previous classes we tried to pin-point the characteristics of Indian culture and indicated that since Indian mind recognises the spirit as the truth of our being, our culture is naturally the expression of that truth. To be more explicit—it is from the teachings of the Vedas and the Upanishads and later from the Bhagavat Gita that Indian mind learn to seek for the living spiritual Truth in all and live that Truth. This recognition and pursuit of something or some one Supreme behind all forms is the one universal credo of Indian religion which has been getting expression in her art, music and literature from time immemorial. I presume when the question was put by Ronald he was perhaps comparing India to other ancient glorious countries which had decayed long ago while India still survives. And that was why Ronald was eager to know the reason for India's survival. History says that of all the proud nations of the West there is an end determined. When their limited special work for mankind is done they must decay and disappear. But the function of India is to supply the world with a perennial source of light and renovation; and that function is perpetual and so, India survives. Through our previous discussion it has been determined that this perennial source of light is otherwise known as '*Bharat Shakti*'.

Dr. Sharma : Thank you Vijoy, you've nicely dealt with the subject. Now friends, the time is up. We invite everyone of you to attend the next class—when we hope we'll be able to conclude.

From a Member's diary,

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

World Union Regional Centre West Bengal:

Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya, Secretary, World Union Regional Centre, West Bengal intimates that the Centre held its tenth Annual General Meeting on the 30th June'85 under the Chairmanship of Sri P. P. Bhattacharya. Besides its usual annual business they decided to celebrate the World Union Day on the 25th August with the theme—"Role of Youth in National Integration on Spiritual Foundation." The House also approved of the extension of the tenure of the present Executive Committee till the completion of the 4th National Convention and 8th Triennial World Conference to be held in Bangalore. The proposal of Sri K. P. Dutta of replacing 4 constant absentee members by 4 new members of different centres was admitted by the House. The House has also decided to extend its co-operation to the publication of the Bengali Monthly 'Manab Maitryee'—though it was managed privately.

1. **Chakradharpur:** It held its monthly study class on "Tha Essays on the Gita" on 16th June'85 which was attended by Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee who also spoke on 'Sri Aurobindo's Ideals & Teachings' in a sitting organised by a local cultural organisation 'PRANTIK' when members of Sri Aurobindo Society and World Union joined. In the monthly study class Dr. Mukherjee dealt with certain questions put by members.

2. **Domjur:** On 16th June, Sri Rajen Ganguly of Sri Aurobindo Ashram visited the Centre with Dr. Mukherjee and discussed his personal experiences with the Mother. It celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti, Independence Day and International Youth Year on the 15th August'85. A whole day programme from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M. with recess for lunch was chalked out. Sri D. Thakur Chakrabarty, Head Master, Jhapordah Duke's Institution presided and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee was the Guest-in-Chief. Sri Jaidev Pal, Head Master, Prabartak High School and Prof. Satiranjana Chakrabarty attended the celebration as special guests. They also spoke on the occasion. Some very interesting questions were raised by the local young men and the same were properly dealt with.

3. **Integral Life Centre:** Sri Jnanendra Nath Halder, reports that this Centre organised a meet of the members on 2.8.85 when Sri Halder read out passages from Sri M.P. Pandit's "Mother-Dialogue and perspective"—which enthused and inspired the members.

4. **Khar:** It held a meeting on 13-7-85, jointly with Sion and Bombay Centres when Sri Shivabhai Amin of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, spoke on World Union and World Government. He emphasised that Sri Aurobindo's Independence Day message of the 15th August 1947 need be read and re-read and its significance explained to millions of people. He indicated that the members of World Union and Sri Aurobindo Society could play a significant role for building up the cohesion and faith in the country and India would play the leading role for the formation of a World Government.

5. **New Alipur:** It held its monthly meetings on 4th July and 2nd August'85. In its July meeting—Smt. Mira Mukherjee read out from the Mother's 'Questions & Answers'—on 'Surrender', and Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee read out the Questions&Answers' of Sri M.P. Pandit's Service Letter 1/8—regarding the Ashram's activity on Poverty.

In its August meeting Sri A.K. Benerjee discussed occult practice of Annie Besant

with reference to the article—"Letters of wisdom" as being published in World Union. Significance of Dreams was discussed by Sri P-C. Banerjee and others. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee discussed at length the significance of the '*Third Dream*' of Sri Aurobindo with reference to some chapters in '*The Ideal of Human Unity*'.

6. North Calcutta: In its 135th monthly meeting held on 20-6-85, Sri Sujit Kumar Palit discussed about the spiritual significance of the religious ceremony of 'Rathayatra'—with particular reference to Sri Aurobindo's famous Bengali article—'*Jagannather Rath*' (Chariot of the Lord of Universe). He explained that the word 'Jagat' denoted dynamism and the festival stood for the progressive dynamism of the Universe. He emphasised that Movement of the Chariot symbolised the evolutionary progress of consciousness.

Prof. D.P. Sen spoke on '*Principles of Theosophy*'—in its 136th monthly meeting held on 22nd July'85. He explained the theory and practice of Theosophy and how they were intimately related to the basic truths of all philosophy and religion. He emphasised that the Theosophical philosophy was very much in tune with that of Sri Aurobindo so far as the Theory of Progressive evolution, principles of unity in Nature and advent of a New spiritual age of gnostic being were concerned.

7. Raghunathpur: It held its monthly meeting on 3rd August'85 when Dr. S. Mukherjee discussed at length the five dreams of Sri Aurobindo. On 15th August it organised a programme for the celebration of Sri Aurobindo Jayanti—in collaboration with Raghunathpur Pallisri Samsad—under the presidentship of Sri Abani Bhusan Roy—who in his presidential address gave a short account of Sri Aurobindo's life and Sadhana. The celebration was ended with songs offered by local artists and performance of a musical drama.

8. Salt Lake: It held its 49th monthly meeting on 13th July and 50th monthly meeting on the 12th August'85.

In its July meeting—Lesson No. 4 regarding accelerating descent of the Supramental power of consciousness was read out and discussed, August meeting was organised with a view to disseminating the ideal of World Union when Sri 'Dibyadarshi' of Chandannagore spoke on Sri Aurobindo and Sanatandharma and explained where did lie the contribution of Sri Aurobindo.

9. Sibpur: It held its monthly meeting on 9.5.85 when the ideal of World Union was discussed. It organised another meeting on 14th July when Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee read out the beginning lines of '*Savitri*' and explained the inner meaning of the word '*dawn*'.

10. Sultanpur: It organised a seminar on "*Terrorism— a challenge to Human Unity*"—on 22.5.85 with Dr. D.C. Banik on the chair.

The Sikh speakers—Sardar Sewa Sinkh and Jagjit Singh dwelt on National Unity and explained how the social and cultural bonds between the Sikhs and the Hindus in Punjab were maintained throughout the ages and this bond *relation* could not be rent as under—They also emphasised that the terrorists should realise this world is ONE, which was created by Universal Father for the avowed aim of establishing harmony, love and peace among people. Shri Uma Dull Rai in his forceful speech traced out the genesis of Terrorism.

With the recital of selected pieces befitting to the occasion and reading out of self-composed poems—the seminar ended.

11. Uttarpara: It held its 142nd monthly meeting on 13-7-85 under the president-

ship of Sri N.B. Nandy. Reading from Sri Samar Basu's Booklet (in Bengali)—'Rationality Vs. Faith'—continued. The portion read was discussed by Sri R.N. Bandopadhyay, Srinivas Chatterjee, Amiya Majumder, Sushil Chakrabarty and Rohi Ghosh-referring relevant chapter's of the Human Cycle. The Centre celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti on the 15th August with offering of flowers, prayers. A devotee read out certain portion from Sri Aurobindo's 'KaraKahini' relating to his 'Vasudev Darshan'. Srinivas chatterjee spoke on his 'Philosophy and Yoga'. Sri Sunirmal Bhattacharya entertained all with his melodious devotional songs. The celebration ended with distribution of *Prasad* by the hostess Smt. Kalpana Nandy.

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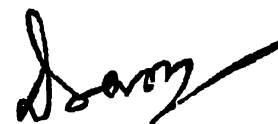
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LET THE UNSEEN POWER BE OUR GUIDE

"Vain will be the mechanical construction of unity, if unity is not in the heart of the race and if it be made only a means for safeguarding and organising our interests; the result will then be only, as it was in the immediate past, a fiercer strife and new outbreaks of revolution and anarchy. the future lies with the men and nations who first see beyond both the glare and dusk the gods of the morning and prepare themselves to be the instruments of the Power that is pressing towards the light of a greater ideal."

—'War and Self-determination.'
'The Unseen Power'—Sri Aurobindo

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

THE FIRST SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASIA & MIDDLE EAST REGION OF THE W. C. P. A.

Sri Rajanikant M. Mehta, one of the organisers of the Conference reports that a Conference of the World Constitution and Parliament Association (W. C. P. A.), for the Southern region was held for the first time in Pondicherry on 11th, 12th and 13th October '85 at the I. I. P. A. Hall (old Secretariat). The Conference started with the tape-recorded music of the Mother.

Sri A. B. Patel, General Secretary of World Union and Life President of the W. C. P. A. welcomed the distinguished guests and delegates. Sri M. P. Fandit, Chairman of World Union, presided.

His Excellency Lt. Governor of Pondicherry Sri T. P. Tewary inaugurated the Conference by lighting candles as customary and delivered a very meaningful and thought provoking address. He indicated that the evils that were eating into the vitals of the international community were the arms race, pestilence, hunger, pollution and increasing debts of the developing countries etc. Unless radical solutions to these threatening problems were found soon, the human race might be totally annihilated. "But that can not be",—he asserted, 'ultimately Truth will triumph'.

In the course of his presidential speech, Sri M. P. Pandit took note of the usual cynicism with which efforts of individuals and institutions working for World Unity are met and pointed out that in history it has been shown how every 'impossible' remains impossible till it is made possible by heroic spirits. Human unity is already a fact in several aspects to the life of the globe and the movement is gathering force. Attempts to formulate outlines of the possible constitution etc. create magnetic fields for the possibilities in that direction to get a focus. In our world there are a number of forces at work to actualise different possibilities. Sincere human effort, however microscopic, gives concrete shape to these agencies and attempts to create a climate for the spirit of oneness to grow are a must. Sri Pandit was hopeful that despite appearances to the contrary in the realm of politics and arms-build-up, the push of historical forces towards one humanity would assert itself sooner than hoped for.

Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe—Deputy Secretary General of the W. C. P. A. traced the growth of the W. C. P. A. and its development till date since the first Conference held in 1968 at Interlaken and Walfch.

A very informative brochure on the history of the movement of the W. C. P. A. prepared by Sri Samar Basu, Deputy General Secretary, World Union was distributed among the guests and delegates.

During the next sessions—Bills adopted in the 1st and 2nd session of the Provisional World Parliaments—held respectively in Brighton in September'84 and in New Delhi in March'85 were discussed. The bills were:

- (a) Disarmament (b) World Economic Order (c) Oceans and Seabeds (d) Graduate Schools of World Problems (e) World Government Corporation (f) Provisional World District Courts (g) Earth Rescue Administration (h) Environment and (i) Terrorism

The afternoon session of the 12th and morning session of the 13th October'85 were totally devoted to organisational matters and appointment of various state and Zonal Committees to accelerate sure, effective and perpetual movement of the W. C. P. A. in the South Zone which comprised of the following States and areas on the South of the Vindhyas (mountain ranges): (1) Gujarat (2) Maharashtra (3) Goa (4) Kerala (5) Karnataka (6) Tamil Nadu (7) Andhra Pradesh (8) Pondicherry and (9) Sri Lanka

The following persons were appointed as members of the State Committees:-

1. Gujarat: : No person could be appointed since no delegate from the State (No. of Members=5) attended the Conference.
Mr. Rajda could help in the formation of the Committee.
2. Maharashtra (a) Mr. A. I. Kutty (b) Mr. R. Rajda (c) Mr. N. S. Rao.
(No. of Members=5) Other members could be appointed in consultation with Mr. Rajda
3. Goa No one could be appointed. Mr. Mehta and Mr. Rajda would explore
(No. of Members=3) the possibility of forming a Committee.

4. Kerala (No. of Members= 3) (a) Prof P. P. Peter (b) Mr. Varkey Shantistan and (c) Mr. Peter-Thomas
5. Karnataka (No. of Membrs= 5) (a) Lion Prof K. S. Viswanathan (b) Prof P. Varadaraju (c) Mr. B. Mahadevappa (d) Mr. K. M. Joseph and (e) Mr. L. Prabhulingayya
6. Tamil Nadu (No. of Members= 5) (a) Mr. Rajanikant M. Mehta (b) Mr. Karikar Vaitha (c) Mr. James Arputharaj (d) and (e) would be appointed later on.
- 7 Andhra Pradesh (No. of Members= 5) (a) Mr. D. Ramachandra Rao. Other members would be appointed later on.
8. Pondicherry (No. of Members =3) Sri Samar Basu (b) Mr. V. P. M. Swamy (ex M. P.) (c) Mr. P. S. Patel
9. Sri Lanka (No. of Members =3) (a) Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe (b) Mr. Hathy Sulaiman (c) would be appointed later on

Note: (a) The Zonal office would be situated at Madras with Mr. Rajanikant M. Mehta as coordinator. There would be one person from each State to form the Zonal Committee.

- (b) Dr. T. P. Amerasinghe, by virtue of being President of the Asia and Middle East Region will be ex-officio Chairperson of the Zonal Committee.
- (c) The capital city of each State would have the office of each State Local Chapter. Each Local Chapter may constitute district or other units if necessary.
- (d) Mr. Rajanikant Mehta and Mr. J. N. Puri of New Delhi have been authorised by the Conference to contact Members of Parliaments with a view to building up an active branch in New Delhi in consultation with Mr. Nigam, Mr. Ram Niwas Mirdha, Mr. Balram Jakhar, Mr. Satpal Mittal and Mr. Ransingh Rajda.
- (e) Regional Conferences in the Zone will be held once a year and every State Chapter will hold meet at least once in every six months.
- (f) Regarding Finance: Each State Chapter will pay Rs. 100/- annually as affiliation fee to the Zonal Committee.

The Conference was attended by delegates from different States and countries as under:

2 delegates from Sri Lanka: 3 each from Kerala and Pondicherry 5 delegates from Karnataka; 1 each from New Delhi and Maharashtra 12 from Tamilnadu and 2 including Miss Heather Isely, daughter of Mr. Philip Isely, from U.S.A. Ms. Karina from Helisinki, Finland who came to visit Pondicherry, also attended the Conference.

The Conference ended with the summing up of the deliberations by Dr. T.P. Amerasinghe.

Smt. Salem Jayalakshmi – eminent Musician of the South entertained the delegates and inmates of the Ashram, with her 'Bhajans' on the 13th evening at the Hall of Ashram Library.

1. WORLD UNION REGIONAL CENTRE, WEST BENGAL

It celebrated World Union Day on 25th August'85 at the campus of Sri Aurobindo Bharat Ashram, under the chairmanship of Sri P.P. Bhattacharya. Dr. S. Mukherjee hoisted the Mother's Flag with 'Bandemataram' song and meditation. Thereafter a day-long programme of two sessions—(morning & evening) was organised to conduct the Seminar on 'The role of Youth in National Integration on Spiritual foundation'—in which members of different Local Centres in West Bengal participated. The Chairman in his concluding speech summed up the discussion. A portion from Sri Aurobindo's 'Durga stotra' was recited—by Sri Tirtha De.

Among the participants were: Sri Ananda Brahmachari (Baranagar) Sri Dr. K. Bhattacharya and Sri A. Chatterjee (Alambazar). Sri S. Banerjee (Bally), Sri C.R. Paul and Sri K. Chatterjee (Duttapukur), Sri A. Bandopadhyaya (Domjur), Smt. Anjali Roy (Salt Lake), Sri U. Dutta (Central Calcutta), Dr. B.N. Boral (Chandannagar), Sri L.N. Dutta (Calcutta) and Dr. B. Bhattacharya, Sri D. Paul and Sri B. Chakrabarty (Bon Hooghly). The opening and closing songs were offered by—Banasree, Beauty, Kalpana (c), Kalpana (M), Chanchala, Chaitali and Sujata.

2. Dr. B. Bhattacharya, Secretary, Sri Aurobindo Bharat Ashram reports that Sri Aurobindo Institute of Integral Education celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti on 15th August'85 at Sri Aurobindo Bharat Ashram—in which the members and teachers participated. The Mother's Flag was hoisted by Dr. Bhattacharya with 'Bandemataram'. Sri D.K. Bhattacharya discussed the 'Integral Education'. Chaya and Kalpana took part in the discussion on "The Revolutionary period of Sri Aurobindo" and 'The Sadhana for transformation of life' respectively.

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General Secretary
November 15th, 1985

MEMBERS' PAGE

The questions raised by Lion Prof. K.S. Viswanathan, Chairman, Nanjangud Centre, on the editorial of February'85 issue of our journal were discussed by Sri D.K. Bhattacharya, Chairman, Alambazar Centre (W.Bengal) in this 'PAGE' of June'85 issue. As indicated earlier, Sri Bhattacharya's discussion could be taken as conclusive; but for further clarification we duly approached our editor and in response to our request he clarified the points in his editorial of this issue. No further discussion seems to be necessary.

DIALOGUE (37)

BHARAT-SHAKTI – and Indian Culture (vi)

- Dr. Sharma** : This is our last class on the subject. Vijoy was discussing the subject in the previous class but could not finish it; so I request Vijoy to conclude.
- Vijoy** : As you all know that each nation is a SHAKTI or power of the evolving spirit in humanity and lives by the principle which it embodies. India is the Bharat Shakti, the living energy of a great spiritual conception, and fidelity to it is the very principle of her existence. Every nation has its part to play in the earth's destiny. India has her mission—the work she has to do—Her part in the earth's destiny is written there in the various fields of her culture. A deep and intensive study of her cultural history reveals that among all the divisions of mankind it is to India that is reserved the highest and the most splendid destiny, the most essential to the future of the human race. So, unlike other ancient nations India is still young and alive. It is she who must send forth from herself the future religion of the entire world, the Eternal religion which is to harmonise all religion, science and philosophies and make mankind one soul. Hence the future structure of the world depends on India.
- Ronald** : Now it is understood, Still I want to know what is India's message to the world at this critical period of human history?
- Dr. Sharma** : Very good. Nirmal! Will you please deal with the question?
- Nirmal** : Yes Sir! The source of India's 'SHAKTI' is latent in her capability of accepting and assimilating from the culture of the West, its knowledge, ideas and

powers which are compatible with her spirit, reconcilable with her ideals. It is also there in her ideals of 'Unity in Diversity'. And therefore, her message to the world at this critical period of human history—is:

Leaders of nations must realise that-All Countries are equal and essentially "one". Each of them represent an aspect of the one Supreme. In the terrestrial manifestation they all have the same right to a free expression of themselves.

From the spiritual point of view, the importance of a country does not depend on its size or its power or its authority over other countries, but on its response to TRUTH and on the degree of TRUTH it is capable of manifesting."

Ronald

Many thanks Nirmal. We are indeed very happy for coming in contact with you during our short-stay in India. We feel that to maintain happy and cordial relation with India is a necessity for all the nation to ensure future progress of humanity. On behalf of our country we once again convey our sincere thanks to you all.

From a Member's diary

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY

1. Calcutta: It celebrated World Union Day on the 20th August'85 under the chairmanship of Shri Arun Kishore Mukherjee. Sri L. N. Dutta, Secretary of the Centre explained in detail the aims and objectives of World Union and indicated its progress through activities.

Sri C. N. Chatterjee and Sri M. M. Chandra participated in the discussion and suggested a few programme of work for implementation.

2. Beliaghata: It held its 30th monthly meeting on 3. 8. 85 when Sri D. N. Sur presided. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee explained how to work for National Integration. He indicated that as a nation was built up by individuals, so harmonious development of each individual's body, life and mind was necessary to ensure national integration. Dr. Mukherjee then discussed the mode of social development and emphasised that Liberty, Equality and Fraternity were the basic elements of national integration.

3. Chakradharpur: It celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti on the 15th August'85 in collaboration with the members of Sri Aurobindo Society. The Programme started with the hoisting of the Mother's Flag and group meditation and recital and songs by the children of SISHU CHAKRA.

On the 20th August they jointly celebrated World Union Day and observed 'International Youth Year'. A Seminar on "Role of Youth in National Integration on Spiritual Foundation" was organised in which several members participated. Dr. S. Mukherjee summed up the discussion. He also spoke briefly on the subject in the light of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. The next day in a local Girl's school Dr. Mukherjee spoke on "The Religion of Humanity". In the afternoon there was a sitting at the 'PRANTIK SAHITYA GOSTHI'—when Dr. Mukherjee spoke on "The Mother and Her teachings." In the evening the monthly study class on 'Essays on the Gita'—was conducted by Dr. S. Mukherjee. The function ended with devotional songs.

4. Chandannagar: It held meetings twice a month on:
7. 4. 85 and 21. 4. 85 in April, 5. 5. 85 and 19. 5. 85 in May
2. 6. 85 and 16. 6. 85 in June, 7. 7. 85 and 21. 7. 85 in July.
on 4. 8. 85 (once) in August and 1. 9. 85 and 15. 9. 85 in September

In the above meeting continual discussions were conducted on 'Savitri', 'Integral Yoga', 'Evolution of Consciousness', 'Sri Aurobindo Ashram: Towards evolving a spiritual society' 'Realisation of Ultimate Truth'—etc.

Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, Sri P. P. Bhattacharya, Dr. B. N. Boral were the speakers.

Devotional songs were offered by Smt. M. Dasgupta, Purnima Bose, Arun Prakash Nath and others.

5. North Calcutta: It held its 137th and 138th monthly meetings on 20. 8. 85 and 20. 9. 85 respectively.

In its 137th meeting the centre observed World Union Day with devotional songs and chanting of Vedic hymns. Sri Sujit Kumar Palit, secretary of the Centre, explained why it is declared as World Union Day. Sri Gour Mohan Chatterjee read out an article — "Bhagawan O Bhut (God and Matter) — of Sri Samar Basu.

In its 138th meeting a friend of World Union recited Tagore's famous Poem "Namas-kar" (Salutation) to Sri Aurobindo after devotional songs and concentration with the recital of Vedic hymns. Sri Sujit Kumar Palit explained the situation when the poem was written nearly 80 years ago when Sri Aurobindo was at the helm of the national liberation movement. Sri Palit added that long after his lyrical tribute Tagore himself met Sri Aurobindo at Pondicherry in 1928. When he once again offered his respectful adoration. Smt. Anita Bosu then read out selected portions from the Mother's "Prayers and Meditation." Sri Palit read a Bengali article "Maha Avirbhab" (Great Advent) written by Sri Samar Basu and published in Manab Maitree' (September '85 issue). With the devotional song offered by Smt. Anita Basu, the meeting ended.

6. Salt Lake: It celebrated 'Sri Aurobindo Jayanti' in its 51st monthly meeting on 14. 9. 85 under the auspices of 'Gandhi Seva Sangha' at Sreebhumi as arranged by Sri Manikya Ratan Guhathakurta, Secretary of the Sangha. After group concentration and "Bhratrit-wa" recital of 'Durga Stotra', Sri Aurobindo's article on was read out by Smt. Anjali Roy,—Secretary of the Centre. A series of songs on human unity were offered by Smt. Sutapa Mazumder, Meera Chaki and Swapna Ganguli. Then Dr. R. K. De, Chairman of the Centre, explained at length the 'Third Dream' of Sri Aurobindo- 'World Union based on the fact of human unity realising the Truth of the Spirit' He also indicated how World Union was founded by the Mother and how it had been functioning.

7. Tamluk-Mahisadal: The two centres jointly celebrated Sri Aurobindo Jayanti for which they organised 3 days' programme on 15th, 16th and 17th August'85. On the 16th Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya and on the 17th Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee were the main speakers. They held their 36th monthly meeting on the 30th September'85 at Ramchandrapur.



Deputy General Secretary.
November 15, 1985

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE 4TH WORLD COUNCIL HELD IN BANGALORE AT 12 O'CLOCK ON 25TH NOVEMBER'85 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SRI M. P. PANDIT.

AGENDA-1 *To submit report and Budget Estimate by Sri A.B. Patei, General Secretary & Treasurer.*

Due to ill health Sri A. B. Patel, General Secretary and Treasurer of World Union could not attend the meeting and therefore Sri Samar Basu, Deputy General Secretary read out the General Secretary's statement in regard to his report and Budget Estimate for the next three years and the same was approved by the house.

AGENDA-2 *To consider and pass the amendment of existing rules regarding formation of World Council and the Executive Committee and inclusion of a new rule.*

Since most of the members of World Council did not comment anything against the amendment it was decided that the amendment of existing rules and inclusion of a new rule as recommended by the members of the Executive Committee be passed with the following modification as suggested by Smt. Anjali Roy, Secretary, Salt Lake Centre.

- (1) That Donors will be styled simply as 'Donors' and not as Donor-Member.
- (2) Sri P. Bhattacharya's suggestions were considered to be recommendatory.
- (3) The assembly desired their grateful appreciation of his long services to World Union movement be conveyed to Sri A. B. Patel along with their prayers for his long life.

AGENDA-3 *Election and nomination of the members to form the Executive Committee for the next three years.*

Relevant rule provides that the number of members of the Executive Committee shall not exceed 25 of which not more than 5 members may be coopted by the Executive Committee after its formation.

It was decided that 4 members be coopted by Executive Committee after its formation and 2/3 of 21 members (25-4) be elected from among the members of the council and 1/3 be nominated by the chairman from among the members of World Union (who may or may not be members of the World Council)

(A) Accordingly the following members were elected unanimously from among the members of the Council as proposed by Sri M. P. Pandit.:

- (1) Sri M. P. Pandit
 - (2) Sri A. B. Patel
 - (3) Sri Samar Basu
- } From Pondicherry

- (4) Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau
 - (5) Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana
 - (6) Sri K. S. Sridharan
- } From Bangalore

- (7) Sri Purnendu Prasad Bhattacharya
 - (8) Smt. Anjali Roy
 - (9) Sri Susanto Mitra
- } From West Bengal

- (10) Sri N. S. Rao
 - (11) Sri M. N. Vepari
 - (12) Sri K. N. Shenoy
- } From Maharashtra

- (13) Sri R. N. Amin — From Gujarat
- (14) Dr. Sitaram Jayswal — Uttarpradesh

(B) The Chairman nominated the following members as members of the Executive Committee.

- (1) Sri S. A. Patel Pondicherry.
 - (2) Dr. T. Prasannasimha Rau Bangalore
 - (3) Sri Gautam Roy West Bengal
 - (4) Sri N. S. Amin Maharashtra
 - (5) Dr. D. Jadeja
 - (6) Sri A. D. Shah
 - (7) Dr. D. C. Banik
- } Gujarat
} Uttarpradesh

It was resolved that Sri B. V. Subbarayan, Convener of the 8th Triennial World Conference and 4th National Convention, be the permanent invitee to attend all the Executive Committee meetings. Then Sri M. P. Pandit informed the house that he had received a letter from Sri A. B. Patel in which Sri Patel stated that due to his old age and failing health he wished to be relieved of the responsibility attached to the office of the General Secretary of World Union and suggested that Sri Samar Basu, Deputy General Secretary might be appointed as the General Secretary of World Union and he would continue to serve World Union as the Treasurer. The house unanimously approved of his suggestion and resolved that Sri Samar Basu be the General Secretary of World Union and Sri A. B. Patel would continue to function as its Treasurer. Thereupon the post of the Deputy General Secretary was abolished.

AGENDA 4 Any other business

(i) The resolution adopted in an emergent meeting held in Pondicherry on 11. 11. 85 of the members of the Executive Committee residing in Pondicherry in which Sri M. P. Pandit, Editor of World Union Journal was appointed as its Publisher to replace Sri A. B. Patel, was ratified by the Council.

(ii) The Chairman then explained the necessity of discontinuing the functions of coordinators in view of the future programme of work of World Union, where it was resolved that the posts of the Regional coordinators be abolished and the relevant posts, if any, of International, National and Regional Centres providing the continuity with the Ex-officio membership in the Executive Committee or in any other committee of the above named centres be deleted.

Among others the following members were present:

(1) Sri M. P. Pandit (2) Justice Sri Nittoor Sreenivasa Rau (3) Dr. Sitaram,
(4) Dr. H. S. Lakshminarayana (5) Dr. T. Prasanna Simha Rau (6) Sri P.
charya (7) Dr. Basudev Bhattacharya (8) Smt. Anjali Roy (9) Sri K. S.
(10) H. S. Narayana Setty (11) Sri B. V. Subbarayan (12) Smt. Bhuk
Ramaswamy (13) H. K. Santaveerappa (14) Sri N. S. Amin (15) Sri G. N.
(16) Sri J. T. Parekh (17) Sri K. N. Shenoy (18) Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee (19) Smt
Minu Roy (20) Sri Samar Basu.

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Chairman of the Committee

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